Social Democrats take lead in Portugal

LISBON (AP) — Early projections in Sunday's parliamentary elections indicated that Prime Minister Anibal Cavaco Silva's Social Democrats might get enough votes to form the country's first majority government in 11 years. State-owned RDP radio forecast that the 48-year-old econom-11 years. State-owned RLP radio forecast that the 46-year-om economist's party would get 40 to 45 per cent the projection came just after the polls closed at 7 p.m. in confinental Portugal. The polls were to close an hour later in the mid-Atlantic islands of Madeira and the Azores archipelago. State television (RTP) put the abstention rate at 27.5 to 29.5 per cent, the highest since Portuguese returned to the polls in general elections in 1976, two years after a military coup overthrew a 38-year dictatorship. Analysts consulted by RTP said the higher rate of abstention was due to leftist voters staying away from the polls. In October 1985 elections the abstention rate was 25.84 per cent. In the 1976 elections, only 14.36 per cent of voters stayed away. A stake in Sunday's voting were 250 seats in the national parliament and Portugal's 24 allotted seats in the



14 killed in northern Italian floods

MORBEGNO, Italy (R) - At least 14 people were killed and several others reported injured or missing Sunday after rivers in northern Italy burst their banks and mudslides crashed into homes and a hotel. Government officials in Rome said earlier at least 22 people had died. mostly in the village of Tartano, near the Swiss border, where an apartment block was swept away by a mudslide and crashed into a hotel. But Civil Protection Minister Giuseppe Zamberletti told journalists after touring the disaster area in the Lombardy region by helicopter that the confirmed death toll in Tartano had now fallen to 12. The officials in Rome said there were two confirmed deaths in other villages and half a dozen people were missing in the flood area east of Lake Como. The officials said the situation was still confused because of the difficulties facing rescuers as they battled through flood water and mud to reach cut-off villages and homes. Many roads, railway lines and bridges were swept away or blocked by landslides triggered by a violent storm Saturday night following three days of heavy rainfall.

King and

air show

Queen visit

LONDON (Agencies) — Their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor on Sunday attended

an international air show at a

British Royal Air Force base at

Fairfield, some 130 kilometres

team, the Royal Falcons, is taking part in the exhibition in addi-

tion to a Jordanian aircraft bous-

ing a display of the Kingdom's

economic and social development

over the years. Jordan is the only

Third World country taking part

in the exhibition, which opened

The King and Queen, who are on a private visit to Britain, were

accompanied on their visit to the

air show on Sunday by Prime

Minister and Defence Minister

Zaid Rifai, Armed Forces Com-

The King and Queen were

The King and Queen began

their private visit to Britain on

Jordan's national aerobatics

west of London.

three days ago.

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Regent visits GHQ

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, Sunday called at the Armed Forces General Headquarters. He was received upon arrival by Armed Forces Chief of Sraff Lieutenant-General Fathi Abu Taleb, and his assistants and the Armed Forces inspector

Ghali predicts Libya-Sudan rift

CAIRO (R) — A senior Egyptian official was quoted on Sunday as saying Libya's continued involvement in Chad could harm Tripoli's relations with Sudan Egypt's state minister for foreign affairs. Boutros Ghali, told the French-language daily Le Journal d'Egypte: "The Chadian crisis has evolved to an extent that it could cast a pall over Libyan-Sudanese relations." Dr. Ghali, architect of Egypt's Africa policy, said this could raise "the spectre of new tensions, rivalries and nefarious rifts within the Arab World." He was speaking before leaving for Addis Ababa to join African foreign ministers preparing for an Organisation of African Unity (OAU) summit meeting on July 27.

Israel to avoid harassing visitors

TEL AVIV (AP) — In response to U.S. criticism, top Israeli officials decided Sunday to tighten representation at the signost to specific supervision at the airport to avoid any harassment of black and Arab-American visitors. Foreign ministry official Yossi Beilin announced the decision after a meeting at his office with intelligence officers and other immigration personnel. The meeting followed statements of concern from the U.S. State Department, which warned last week that it would issue a travel advisory telling tourists they would be subject to Israel. The U.S. government reportedly gave Israel a 30-day deadline to change the way it treats visitors. According to State Department spokesman Charles Redman about 75 Arab Americans and blacks were either forced to leave large cash deposits or sent back home while trying to enter Israel this

Najib in Moscow

MOSCOW (R) — Afghan leader Najib arrived in Moscow on Sunday on a previously unannounced visit that foreign analysts said was probably linked to his Soviet-backed government's efforts to end the war in Afghanistan. Mr. Najib was met at the airport by Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze and Anatoly Dobrynin, a key foreign policy adviser to Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, the official news agency TASS said. TASS described Mr. Najib's trip as a short visit, but gave no details of his programme.

ANC vows revenge

LUSAKA (R) — The African National Congress (ANC), the main movement fighting for black majority rule in South Africa, vowed Sunday to avenge the murder in Swaziland of military commander Cassius Make. Mr. Make, fellow ANC member Paul Dikeledi and a Mozambican woman, Elizabeth Augusta, were killed last Thursday by three gunmen who forced their taxi to stop as it was travelling from the airport to the capital Mbabane.

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Paris and Tehran holding negotiations on exchange of diplomats

Combined agency dispatches

PARIS — France and Iran which broke diplomatic relations with each other on Friday were reported holding negotiations on Sunday to exchange diplomats besieged in their respective embassies in Paris and Tehran.

French police, pelted by rain, kept up their siege of the Iranian mission in Paris, with no indication of when the standoff that led to the rupture of diplomatic relation between the countries would be resolved.

French diplomats, staff and family also remained blockaded in their embassy building in

Tehran. Iranian Prime Minister Hussein Musavi, speaking on Tehran Radio, said France and Iran were involved in negotiations, through conventional and diplomatic channels, about ex- Paris.

changing the diplomats in ques-

A French Foreign Ministry spokesman, speaking on condi-tion of anonymity, said the two countries were talking about how and when their embassy person-nel could return home, with France proposing a Wednesday deadline.

France is insisting that Iranian embassy translator Wahid Gordji cannot leave before he submits to questioning by an investigating magistrate about last September's series of terrorist bombings in

While authorities will not spell out their reasons for wanting to talk to Mr. Gordji, French news reports say that police have linked him to people already charged with complicity in the case, and that Mr. Gordji himself could be implicated

The Iranian Foreign Ministry has said it will not let Mr. Gordji become a "hostage" of the French. Iran also has said some of the French diplomats would be arrested and put on trial as spies.

But in his comments on Tehran Radio, Mr. Musavi did not mention Mr. Gordji, and did not repeat the threat to the French diplomats.

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Carbomb attack brings pressure on Britain to sever ties with Iran

LONDON (Agencies) - Britain came under pressure on Sunday to cut diplomatic ties with Iran following a carbomb attack in London on an opponent of the Tehran government.

head of the London office of former Prime Minister Shapour Bakhtiar's Paris-based Iranian National Movement, was recovering in hospital after his car exploded on a busy London street on Saturday.

The attack came two days after Tehran and Paris cut diplomatic relations, and amid growing tension in the Gulf where Iran has vowed to "encounter" U.S. ships preparing to escort reflagged Kuwaiti tankers.

said Sunday the matter was in the hands of Scotland Yard and any official reaction would have to await the outcome of the police

A group calling itself the Guardians of the Islamic Revolution claimed responsibility for the bombing and said there would be further attacks against "monarchists." Police said the attack could

A senior member of Mr. Amir Parviz's group, who asked not to be identified, said he feared

Syrians

seek to

end new

flare-up

security sources said.

Amal-PLO

SIDON. Lebanon (Agencies)— Syrian military observers held ex-tensive talks in this southern port

city on Sunday to try to contain

the worst outbreak of fighting

between Shi'ite Amal militiamen

and Palestinians in three months,

Three people were killed and

16 were injure on Saturday in clashes between Palestinian fight-

ers and Amai militiamen around

Palestinian refugee camps. Most

of the casualties were civilians

living in nearby areas, the sources

The sources said the Syrian

observers were having talks with

Saturday's fighting was the worst since Syria belped in April to broker a halt to the "camps

war" between fighters of the

Palestine Liberation Organisa-

Witnesses told Reuter

thousands of residents fled their

homes to stay with relatives or to

squat in unfinished buildings.

tion (PLO) and Amal men.

quoted by Reuter said.

leaders in Sidon.

Earlier this week, 20 former Iranian military and police officers appeared in uniform at a London news conference and declared allegiance to the Iraqi-based Mujahedeen-e-Khalq National Liberation Army. They urged all Iranian servicemen to join the fight against Ayatollah

tween Britain and Iran over the arrest of an Iranian diplomat in Manchester on shoplifting charges and the abduction and beating of a British envoy in

As a result, relations between the two countries have been downgraded to one caretaker di-

foreign affairs spokesman, Gerald Kaufman, said the bomb attack could further threaten British-Iranian relations. "If the perpetrator was found

French police brought in six more floodlights Saturday night to add to three high-power lights already being used to illuminate the Iranian embassy building, a three-storey structure on the Right Bank, across the Seine River from the Eiffel Tower.

Amir Hussein Amir Parviz,

A Foreign Office spokesman investigation into the bombing.

mark the start of a terror cam-paign in London by supporters of the eight-year-old Islamic regime.

further attacks against opponents

of Ayatollah Khomeini. He appealed to Britain to stop flights to Tehran and close both the Iranian embassy and the offices of the National Iranian Oil Com-

Khomeini's government. Last month, tensions flared be-

plomat in each capital.

The opposition Labour Party's

to be in any way connected with Iran's diplomatic mission in Britain, the government should consider whether to maintain its diplomatic links with Iran," he said in a radio interview, adding tougher immigration controls plosion.

peaceful state of affairs in the Middle East could only be were needed to stop potential Abdul Meguid Iranian extremists. Conservative Member of Parmeets Israeli liament Terry Dicks called on the government to sever relations leaders today with Tehran and deport all Iranians with political connections.

CAIRO (R) - Amid friction The attack on Mr. Amir Parviz — a minister of the late Shah over a side-issue, Egypt's Foreign Minister Ahmad Esmat Abdul was reminiscent of one last August which killed the son of an Meguid starts talks on Monday in exiled opponent of Iranian leader Ayatollah Khomeini when a Israel with its coalition partners divided on the main topic - an bomb exploded in his video shop international Middle East peace a short distance from the scene of conference. Saturday's bombing.

Some analysts suggested the incidents could be connected with a struggle for succession in Iran. with factions vying to demons-trate they have the revolutionary credentials to succeed Ayatollah Khomeini, who is 84.

During the British-Iranian diplomatic row last month, the Foreign Office estimated there were 25,000 to 30,000 Iranians in Britain. Most are students sent by the Khomeini government, but many like Mr. Amir Parviz are opponents who fled after the Shah's fall.

In the first Iranian-linked bomb blast in 1981, two Iranians were killed and a third injured when a bomb exploded in their car near Marble Arch, about 1.5 kilometres from Saturday's ex-

Rabin sends troops to bloc settlement ordered by Sharon

OCCUPIED WEST BANK (Agencies) — Israeli troops on Sunday prevented bulldozers from starting work on a new Jewish settlement ordered by Ariel Sharon, the industry minister, informed sources said.

The incident near the town of Tulkarem highlighted a confrontation in Israel's divided government over settlement policy in the Israeli-occupied West Bank.

The defence minister, Yitzhak Rabin, is a member of the Labour Party, which opposes new settle-ments as an obstacle to Middle East peace efforts. Eyewitnesses told Reuter

troops moved in to prevent work starting at a planned industrial park and settlement ordered by Sharon and placed the buildozers under guard. Armed forces radio said the

order sending in troops had come directly from Mr. Rabin. The Israeli army declared the

settlement site a closed military zone and prevented construction crews from entering. Sources quoted by Reuter said

no request had been made for the

permits necessary to build in the Sharon and Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir both belong to the Likud bloc, pledged to fight the idea of a U.N.-sponsored international peace conference.

pledged for immediate settlement by Mr. Shamir in talks last week with the right-wing opposition

Labour has vowed to block any increased settlement drive by demanding a vote in the 10-man inner cabinet, where it and Likud have equal number of seats, forcing a deadlock.

Sharon, a Hawkish former defence minister, has repeatedly urged the government to create more "facts on the ground" to ensure that the West Bank and the Gaza Strip will never be returned to Arab sovereignty.

His settlement bid on the eve of a visit to Israel by Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmad Esmat Abdul Meguid, the first since Israel's 1982 invasion of Lebanon, seemed aimed at torpedoing moves to convene an international Middle East peace conference, analysts said.

Labour Economics Minister Gad Yaacobi told Israel Radio: "It's all very well people expressing themselves with bulldozers but for a cabinet minister to attempt to create facts like this is

totally unacceptable. "Pouring more money into settlement is inconsistent with an approach that would allow a future peace agreement," he said. Geneva to settle the issue.



REGENT MEETS FAHOUM: His Royal

Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, re-

ceives at the Royal Court on Sunday Khaled Al

Fahoum, former speaker of the Palestine National

By Nermeen Murad

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — A high ranking Bulgarian official Sunday ex-

pressed his country's support for

an international peace conference

on the Middle East to bring about

a durable and comprehensive set-

tlement to the Arab-Israeli con-

Speaking at a press conference

held at the Bulgarian embassy on

Sunday, Deputy Foreign Minister

Ivan Ganev told journalists that a

Minister Shimon Peres that Mr.

to discuss the peace conference

Mr. Mubarak and Labour Par-

for a meeting this year grouping

the big powers, Israel, the Arabs

But the idea --- backed by most

Arab states, the Soviet Union

and the European Community --

is flatly opposed by Israel's Prime

Mr. Shamir is under strong

pressure from his right-wing

Likud bloc and the far-right

opposition Tehiya party to create

new Jewish settlements in the occupied West Bank and Gaza

Strip in a political drive to torpe-

Hawkish Ariel Sharon, the in-

dustry minister, an advocate of

"creating facts on the grounds,"

sent bulldozers to prepare the ground for a new West Bank

industrial zone near the town of Tulkarem on Sunday. They were

stopped by soldiers acting on the orders of Labour Defence Minis-

ter Yitzhak Rabin (See page 2). Mr. Abdul Meguid is sche-

duled to meet Mr. Peres, Mr.

Shamir and Israeli President

Chaim Herzog on Monday and Mr. Rabin on Wednesday.

bers of the Knesset (parliament),

peace activists, newspaper editors

and Palestinian leaders from the

West Bank and Gaza, Egyptian

Egypt and Israel were already clashing over a side issue before Mr. Abdul Meguid set off. He

bridled on Saturday at an attack

by Mr. Shamir on an Egyptian

invitation to Austrian President

Kurt Waldheim, accused by Jew-

ish groups of wartime Nazi activi-

On Tuesday, he meets mem-

Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

and Palestinians.

do a conference.

nisation (PLO).
"We call for the establishment

working list of suggestions for the conference," Mr. Ganev said.

Council (PNC), who is currently on a private visit to

Jordan. Mr. Fahoum is in Amman with his

daughter who is undergoing treatment at the King

of a preparatory committee composed of the five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council to discuss the problem with the concerned

Mr. Ganev said the question of state or a confederation with Jor-

conclusive peace accepted by all parties concerned."

mander-in-Chief Field Marshal Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker, Royal whether a separate Palestinian Jordanian Air Force Commander Major General Ihsan Shurdum dan is to be established "is a and Jordan's military attache in decision that should be taken by London, Major General Shafiq the Palestinians themselves and Uieilat. other Arab countries." But he said the conference should not be accorded a warm official welcome "an umbrella covering separate upon their arrival at the air base. or bilateral talks since these talks would not reach a durable and The Royal Falcons also staged an aerobatics show.

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Report cites systematic torture and abuse of Arab children by Israelis

harassment during interrogation

The report. "Children in Israeli Military Prisons," compiled by Canon Riah Abu Al Assal of He discussed his visit, the first by an Egyptian foreign minister Nazareth's Episcopalian Church to Israel in over five years, with and three American researchers, includes detailed accounts of 17 President Hosni Mubark on cases of maltreatment of minors, The president agreed last week several of whom were never in Geneva with Israeli Foreign

brought to trial.
"We conclude that physical Abdul Meguid should visit Israel mistreatment in the extreme is ty leader Peres have both called

that beatings are carried out by soldiers and border police patrolling the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip as well as by interrogators from Israel's notorious Shin Bet security service and by prison wardens.

These cases are not isolated ones reflecting a problem with a particular institution or prison administrator, but reflect actual standard procedure during the conditions to which all children incarceration of these children in are subjected when in custody of Israeli military prisons," Canon Israel's military penal institu-

The report focuses on the young ages of many detainees. the lack of due process available to these children in military courts," the 18-day prohibition on visits from parents, lawyers or the Red Cross, the denial of adequate medical attention to ill or injured youths and the arbitrary and indiscriminate nature of

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TEL AVIV (R) — A report Assal said in a letter to U.S. tions," the letter said. compiled by a Christian clergy- Congressman Lee Hamilton. The Israeli authoric man says that Palestinian teena- chairman of a House of Repregers are routinely beaten and sentatives panel on the Middle prisons. subjected to mental and physical East. The unpublished study. in Israeli prisons. obtained by Reuters, suggests

The Israeli authorities deny there is torture in military

The pattern of brutality outlined in the report reflects complaints heard frequently by foreign correspondents.

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country to interfere in its decisions, just as it does not interfere in Israel's internal affairs," he

told reporters. Egypt and Israel have shelved a territorial dispute, over the tiny Israeli-held Sinai enclave of Taba, leaving arbitrators in

ties, to visit Cairo.
"Egypt would not allow any

U.S. convoy to run gauntlet from missiles to mines in Gulf

BAHRAIN (R) — U.S. warships escorting Kuwaiti tankers into troubled Gulf waters will run a gauntlet of Silkworm missiles, high-speed motor launches

Shipping sources said Iran was capable of threatening the U.S. convoy throughout the 880kilometre trip from the Strait of Hormuz at the mouth of the Gulf

to Kuwait at the other end. American warships, backed by air support from the U.S. carrier Constellation patrolling outside the strait, are due to escort the 401,382-tonne Kuwaiti supertanker Bridgeton into the Gulf within the next week.

Iran has raised the temperature in the Gulf by threatening to sink American warships after the Reagan administration announced it would allow Kuwait to reregister 11 of its 'tankers under the U.S. flag and provide

naval protection. Iran fronts almost the entire northern side of the Gulf and will have the U.S. convoy well within range of its anti-ship missiles passing through the strait, just less than 40 kilometres wide and described by President Ronald Reagan as the "chokepoint of

The Chinese-designed Silkworm missiles have an effective strike distance of 80 kilometres and, according to one naval source, "can blow a tanker right out of the water.'

"There is no room for complacency over the Silkworm," he added. "To fire one would be a major escalation of the Gulf

The military magazine Jane's defence weekly said in its latest edition the Iranians have several Silkworm missile sites overlooking the strait. It said aircraft were scrambled from the Constellation when the missiles were being put

on launchers. U.S. Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger said last week the United States would attack missile sites if Iran showed intent to use Silkworms against Kuwaiti

tankers or American ships. Iran, which has repeatedly de-clared it will not back down against the superpowers, is expected to keep the trailer-

mounted missiles on the move. But Tehran has also said it would halt attacks on Gulf shipping if Iraq did the same.

Military sources said there

have been problems with the accuracy of the Silkworms but Iran had successfully test-fired one to destroy the hulk of a ship in the strait early this year.

The Silkworms are based on the Soviet Styx missile and pack a 450-kilogramme warhead, much more powerful than the French Exocets which an Iraqi jet inadvertently fired into the U.S. frigate Stark in May, killing 37

Iranian frigates based at Bandar Abbas patrol the strait, regularly intercepting cargo ships they suspect may be carrying war material for Iraq. But the Iranian navy is not seen as a threat, being heavily outgunned by the U.S.

As the convoy heads up the U.S. warships will be on alert for Iranian motor launches manned

Gulf hugging the southern coast, by Revolutionary Guards with



The 401,000-ton Kuwaiti tanker renamed the 'Bridgeton' anchored mear the Strait of Hormuz. This tanker will be the first Kuwaiti tanker to fly the American flag next week.

machineguns and grenade-laun-

The Swedish-built boats, operating from islands and oil platforms in the Gulf, have become Tehran's main attack force in what has become known as the

The guns and grenades of the Revolutionary Guards are unlikely to do much damage against a supertanker the size of the Bridgeton, as long as four foot-ball fields. "It would be like sticking pins into an elephant," said one shipping source.

But diplomats fear launches loaded with explosives could be used to devastating effect in suicide missions. One said it would be like trying to fend off "a swarm of mosquitoes."

The last reported hit-and-run raid by Iranian gunboats was six days ago on the French container vessel Ville d'Anvers...

Some shipping operators thought three consecutive days of Iraqi air strikes against Iranian offshore bases last week could have knocked out some boats.

As the convoy nears Kuwait, there could be the renewed threat of Silkworms and seabed mines laid in the channel leading to Kuwait's main oil terminal of Mina Al Ahmadi.

Military sources said Iran had constructed missile launch pads on the captured Fao Peninsula, some 80 kilometres from Kuwait and within range of approaching shipping. But there was no confirmation of Silkworms actually being deployed there.

The mines proved a real threat, damaging four ships in May and June. Since then, the U.S. has flown in naval experts who have found 10-12 mines anchored to the seabed.

Diplomats say the United States and Saudi Arabia are now busy helping the Kuwaitis clear

An Iranian air attack is not regarded as a serious threat, with l'ehran's air force severely depleted and outdated. But aviation sources in the

region say Iran is making contacts with arms dealers to try to buy spares and new technical equipment to upgrade some 80 serviceable F-4 and F-5 aircraft and make up to 40 more planes air-

Iran to hold exercises

Meanwhile Iran has announced it plans to conduct naval exer-

cises in the Gulf. On Saturday, the military headquarters of the Revolutionary Guards said manoeuvres would soon begin in preparation "for crushing the suicidal moves" of the world's "blasphemous powers.

The guards' statement said the manoeuvres are code-named Shahadat, which means "martyrdom" in the Iranian language, Farsi.



Syrian cosmonant Mohammad Fares (right) and his back-up Munir Habib during a practice mission

First Syrian cosmonaut goes up on Wednesday

DAMASCUS (R) — A tablet and his back-up, 33-year-old inscribed with the world's first Munir Habib, another air force alphabet soars into space on Wednesday as Syria's first astronaut carries with him a relic from the dawn of civilisation on a

globe-girdling trip.
The 10-day mission marks a new phase in cooperation between Moscow and Damascus.

Lieutenant-Colonel Mohammad Faris, 36, an air force pilot, will be part of a three-man team to carry out medical and other research during the space flight.
Col. Faris will carry with him

earth from Damascus, a sample of Syrian wheat, and the tablet found at Ugarit in northwest Syria inscribed with history's first lphabet

Syrian officials said Col. Faris, father of a son and a daughter,

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Some of the cases involved

children as young as 12. Most

were arrested on suspicion of

taking part in anti-Israeli demon-

The report notes that many of

the techniques described by the

Palestinian teenagers were subse-

quently found to have been used

by Shin Bet interrogators on an

Israeli army lieutenant freed by

the supreme court in April after

seven years of wrongful imprison-

The study says physical abuse

begins as soon as the teenagers

are picked up in night-time raids

on their homes in West Bank and

Many said they were kicked

"All are subjected to systema-

and trampled on the floor of army

trucks on their way to interroga-

tic humiliation, beatings and tor-

ture during the course of inter-

rogation and imprisonment, and

all are denied full due process of

Children, according to the re-port, are frequently hooded,

made to stand outside with their

hands raised for several days,

deprived of sleep, forced to take

cold showers, beaten on the soles

of their feet or thrown to the

law," the report says.

ment on espionage charges.

Gaza U.N. refugee camps.

strations or throwing stones.

Report cites Israeli torture

colonel, had completed their training and moved to the launch centre in Kazakhestan.

The Soviet crew members will he mission commander Alexander Viktorensko and Alexander Alexandrov.

Col. Faris, born into a poor family in Aleppo, northern Syria, where his father still works as a driver, will be the second Arab astronaut into space.

The first was Saudi Arabian Prince Sultan Ibn Salman Ibn Abdul Aziz, who took part in a 1985 American shuttle mission. The Soyuz TM-3 will orbit for

two days while the crew conduct experiments, then dock with the Mir space station. The officials said Col. Faris will

The research concludes that

many children are "tortured into

'confessing' acts they never committed in order to stop beat-

The study cites one case in the

Gaza Strip in which a military

"all Palestinians are liars."

cient grounds for conviction.

analyse Syrian oil and water resources, as well as study characteristics of the Syrian desert and the Euphrates River valley. He materials of weightlessness.

Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev as commenting on the mission that Syrian-Soviet cooperation "has risen to the stars."

Pyoter Kleimok said the trip cine, natural resources, environral production.

More groups join threat

against Paris

ings and physical abuse by their BEIRUT (Agencies) — Two pro-Iranian Lebanese groups on Sun-day joined the Tehran-backed military or Shin Bet interroga-Prisoners are then made to sign Hizbollah (Party of God) militia a statement in Hebrew, a lanin threatening France over its guage few Palestinian children decision to sever ties with Iran. Statements supporting Iran In some cases, they later learn from Islamic Amal and the Group of Mushim Clergymen were the document refers to a much

more serious offence than the one published in Beirut newspapers. "France shoulders the com-U.N. relief workers and plete responsibility ... this makes lawyers who were shown the reall its embassies and interests port described it as highly credisubject to danger at any place that hands of Muslims can ole, based on their experience.

reach," the Group of Muslim

The group includes pro-Iranian six Arab community leaders over Shi'ite and Sunni Muslim clergya clash at a school with the words men from Beirut and South Lebanon. It says that under the rules of

Clergymen said.

Islamic Amal, a Shi'ite group that works with Iranian Revoluevidence used in the military tionary Guards in east Lebanon's courts, the burden of proof is on Bekaa Valley, said: "We consider the accused and suspicion is suffiourselves responsible for confronting the French decision and

Among the detention centres citied for frequent maltreatment are Bassa military station in Bethretaliating to it."
Paris cut relations with Tehran after an 18-day crisis triggered by lehem, the Faraa and Jueid pristhe refusal of an Iranian embassy ons, the so-called Ansar-2 camp interpreter to submit to questions in Gaza, and police stations in Ramallah and Khan Younis. about bombings in Paris last September.

FOR THE TRAVELLER

will also conduct a number of experiments on the effects on The Syrian media quoted

Soviet cosmonaut General

would benefit the fields of medimental protection and agricultu-The spacecraft will fly over

Syria on July 25 when the crew will send greetings to President Hafez Al Assad and the Syrian

Peres sees Shultz as having missed 'historic' peace chance

By Mary Curtino

ISRAELI Foreign Minister Shi-mon Peres, watching his dream of leading Israel to peace talks with Jordan and the Palestinians slip away, blames his political woes at least partiy on United States Secretary of State George Shultz. Mr. Shultz, senior Israeli offi-

cials say, missed an historic opportunity for the U.S. to broker peace talks between Israel and a Jordanian-Palestinian team, and through default has allowed Moscow to seize the diplomatic initiative in the region.

The rift between Peres and Shultz began last spring when the secretary cancelled a planned visit to the region. Peres had been angling for months for Shultz to practice some of the shuttle diplomacy that former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger used in 1974 to achieve the "disengagement" agreements between Israel

and Egypt, and Israel and Syria. By April of this year, Peres had achieved a breakthrough that Peres believed brought him close to wrapping up the terms for an international peace conference. Again Peres appealed to Shultz to personally tie up loose ends. This time, the secretary of state

accepted. But Shultz cancelled his planned visit after Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, leader of the hard-line Likud half of government, sent Minister Moshe Arens to Washington with a message that a Shultz visit would be interpreted here as direct interference

in internal Israeli politics. The government was evenly split over an international conference, Mr. Arens said, and a Shultz visit would only appear to be direct U.S. pressure on Likud. Shultz opted not to go. And Peres found he couldn't get a cabinet vote in favour of a peace confer-

Peres' aides warn that if the

situation continues to drift, what

they call the "consensus for peace" that has developed in Israel, Jordan, and Egypt since late 1984 will deteriorate. They point to the energetic diplomatic activity in the region of the Soviet Union, a supporter of hard-line Arab states and the Palestine Liberation Organisation, as a dangerous development that threatens to erode the self-confi-

"The Soviet Union is no longer working on the assumption that it wants to have equal influence in the region with the U.S.." an Israeli official says. "It is striving to be the dominant force in the

dence of moderate regimes in the

Arab World - which have all

worked to expand the peace pro-

It has improved relations with Egypt, it continues to support Syria, it is doing well in the Gulf. it helped reunite the PLO, and it is showing flexibility on the question of a peace conference. It is taking steps to improve relations with Israel."

Moscow wants a peaceful settlement, this analyst says, but along lines unacceptable to Israel and the U.S. — Israeli withdrawal from lands it occupied in the 1967 Arab-Israeli war, and the creation of a Palestinian state along

A senior Western diplomatic source, speaking on condition he not be named, agreed with the Israeli assessment that the Soviet Union is at least temporarily outmanoeuvring the U.S. in the re-

"It is not that the United States was always brilliant in the region," he says. "It is just that they could count on the Soviet Union to be really bad. That is no longer the case. The Soviets seem to be much more adept in their approach. Their diplomatic moves are very impressive" — The Christian Science Monitor.

Roman resort unearthed on Egyptian holiday beach

MARINA BEACH, Egypt (R) - Chinese and Egyptian engineers building a resort village on the Mediterranean coast

found someone had got there first — 2,000 years ago.

A Chinese worker digging the office block for Marina Beach, close to the World War II battlegrounds of Al Alamein and 95 kilometres west of Alexandria, struck a limestone wall.

old city archaeologists believe to be Leucaspis, a Greco-Roman health spa and summer resort which existed until the second century A.D.

from the sea.

Workers for the Chinese contractors, the state-owned Construction Engineering Corporation, found what archaeologist Ahmad Abdul Fattah believes was a temple dating back from the Ptolemies, Macedonian kings who ruled Egypt for 300 years until 30 B.C.

Pottery, utensils, bird-shaped oil lamps and statues were also found which could shed light on life in Egypt during the Roman

Leucaspis, one of many resorts listed in the works of Strabo, the Greek geographer and historian, was a wine centre. Wine-making utensils are among the broken pottery, coloured glass, chunks of yellowish wall-coating and other

coins and limestone walls of what appears to be villas of the third

na Beach after the discovery six months ago and Egypt's anti-quities department declared the site out of bounds. But with tourism a priority industry, construction later resumed on areas around the excavations.

"This might make the new village a tourist attraction as well as a model sea resort," Mr. Fattah told Reuters.

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Photographs exhibition by Mustafa Al Ma'aytab at the Petra Bank Gallery
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FEATURE FILM * "On Golden Pond" at 7:00 p.m. at the American Centre. SOVIET FILM WEEK

" Soviet film daily at 5:30 p.m. at the Soviet Cultural Centre (until July 22). LECTURE

A lecture on the impact of modern development on traditional village life at 7:00 p.m. at the American Centre of Oriental Research (ACOR). JERASH FESTIVAL

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Regent receives minister, representative from Sudan

Highness Crown Prince Hassan. the Regent, conferred Sunday at the Royal Court with Mr. Fadlallah Nasser, Sudanese minister of state for defence and Mr. Abdullah Mohammad Ahmad, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee of the Sudanese constituent assembly.

They conveyed to the Crown Prince a message from Sudan's prime minister, Al Sadeq Al Mahdi, according to the Jordan News Agency, Petra, which did not disclose the contents of the

During the audience, Arab security and means of unifying Arab ranks were discussed, the agency said. Both sides reaffirmed the need for bolstering Jordanian-Sudanese relations.

The audience was attended by Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri, Army Chief-of-Staff Lt.-Gen. Fathi Abu Taleb, and Sudan's ambassador to Jordan, Mahjoub Radwan.

Lt.-Gen. Abu Taleb had ear-

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal lier met with the Sudanese minister and Mr. Ahmad with whom he discussed cooperation between the armed forces of both countries.

The Sudanese minister arrived here Saturday evening for his visit, expected to last several

His visit comes four days after the return to Amman of the rapporteur of the Jordanian Committee for Solidarity with the Sudanese People.

Dr. Abdul Salam Al Abbadi,

who is also under secretary of the Ministry of Awgaf and Islamic Affairs, met with the Sudanese prime minister and other senior officials in Khartoum, during his visit. He toured facilities of the Jordanian health and agricultural teams assisting the drought and famine stricken regions of Sudan.

Dr. Abbadi discussed with Sudan means of developing its agricultural sector. He said that his committee will encourage Jordan and other countries to invest

NEWS IN BRIEF

Travellers to West Bank asked to delay

AMMAN (Petra) — The Public Security Department (PSD) advised travellers to the West Bank who registered to cross today not to go to the bridges unless absolutely necessary. This is due to the recent Israeli measures cutting the number permitted to cross in half. The department sources added that arrangements will be made soon to solve this problem.

Chinese acrobats to perform at Sports City

AMMAN (Petra) — The Chinese acrobatic troupe will perform at the Palace of Culture in Al Hussein Sports City this coming Friday and Sunday under the patronage of His Royal Highness Prince Mohammad, the personal representative of His Majesty King Hussein. This is at the invitation of the General Federation of Jordanian Women to support the federation's projects and

CDD brings 2 fires under control

ZARQA (Petra) — The Civil Defence Department (CDD) personnel brought under control a fire which broke out Sunday in a restaurant on the Azraq crossroad. There were no casualties reported but the contents of the restaurant were destroyed. The CDD personnel also brought under control a fire which broke out in a house in Al Ghweirieh area in Zarqa. Nobody was burt but the house sustained heavy damages.

25 pharmacies to remain open 24 hours

.AMMAN (Petra) - The Jordanian Pharmacists Association (JPA) has appointed 25 pharmacies throughout the country to offer 24 hours a day service to the public, JPA President Tayseer Al Hemsi announced Sunday.



Jordan remembers King Abdullah

the 36th anniversary of the death assistant in 1908.
of King Abdullah Ibu Al Hussein, In 1916, followin at the Al Aqsa Mosque in Jeru-

King Abdullah lived his life in service to the Arab Nation. He was born in Mecca in 1882.

AMMAN (Petra) — Today marks Sharif Hussein, as his adviser and World War.

inated in 1951 while praying the Arab forces against the Otto- dom of Jordan.

Al Aqsa Mosque in Jeru- man forces in Taif. He led the King Abdullah led the Arab successful siege of Medina.

assigned military missions but he and was instrumental in unifying was also active alongside his Arab ranks and stands and spent He lived and studied in Istanbul father in negotiations with the his life striving to reestablish Arab and was appointed by his father, allies following the end of the First rights in Palestine.

In 1921 King Abdullah came to In 1916, following the outbreak Transjordan and established the the founder of the Hashemite of the Great Arab Revolt, King Emirate of Transjordan which Kingdom of Jordan. He was Abdullah was appointed leader of later became the Hashemite King-

> armies in defence of Arab Pales Not only was the late King tine against the Israeli invasion

Marj Al Hamam election tally published; police probe shooting

By Ahmad Kreishan Special to the Jordan Times

MARJ AL HAMAM — Life was back to normal at Marj Al Hamam town Sunday following gun fight among local residents, resulting in 10 people being injured. The injured were being treated at King Hussein Medical City, and were reported to be doing

The shooting occurred follow- investigations into the matter ing the closing of the polling centres, where at least 7,000 people cast ballots to elect an 11member municipal council.

Police sources said that a quarrel broke out among supporters which followed the election was of three of the blocs running in the election. The quarrel then turned violent when the people began shooting at each other with hand guns. This prompted security forces to intervene. Police announced the results at dawn

were still going on Sunday.
According to Mr. Mohammad Ali Al Amin, Amman governor, the voting went well: neither the voting nor the counting of votes

affected by the incident. Mr. Issa Mahmoud, district governor of Wadi Seer, who served as chairman of a committee supervising the voting,

ing candidates who belong to two out of three blocs, were the winners: Mohammad Nahar (1,871 votes). Saoud Khleif (1,831). Abdul Rahman Nabulsi (1,508). Dr. Walid Jaber (1,447), Mohammad Taher (1,404), Abdul Majid Jalamdeh (1,329), Abdul Rahim Mohammad Mifleh (1,316), Mohammad Marzouq (1,280), Abdul Rahim Jamain (1,265), Farouk Murad (1,258) and Mohammad Mithgal Al Assaf

The district governor said that 70.9 per cent of the total number of eligible voters took part in the election, the second of its kind in the town. The first, he said, was held in 1983 when the municipal council grouped only nine mem-bers. Altogether 32 candidates representing the three blocs ran for Saturday's election.

Contract signed in Zarqa River basin project

AMMAN (J.T.) — The JD 32.1 million Zarqa River basin project is moving ahead with the signing of the first of its consultancy contracts, according to the Middle East Business Intelligence magazine.

The seven-year project to com-bat soil erosion, introduce safe land use measures and improve farming techniques is a first in the Middle East. Its three sub-projects will cover farm development, forest development, drought reserves and river bank protection.

A joint venture between SAG-RIC International (Australia) and the local Jouzy and Partners now has a JD 2.8 million contract for consultancy work on the farm sub-project. They will be using an approach used previously only in Australia under which farm-byfarm studies are carried out to establish sustainable land use.

The project is being funded by the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development (JD 8.5 million), Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development (JD 6.1 million), Saudi Fund for Development (JD 3.4 million). Islamic Development Bank (JD 2 million). The government will provide JD 5.9 million, West Germany JD 2.2 million. Participating farmers will provide the remaining JD 4 million.

|Regulations revised for income tax statement

AMMAN (Petra) — The Official Gazette published Sunday amendments to the 1985 income tax regulations.

The amendments require every citizen in the private or public sector to submit a statement about his or her income to the Income Tax Department if his or her monthly salary exceeds JD 100, if unmarried, or JD 200 if

narried. The statement should give particulars about the employee's income during 1986 and should be submitted within the permitted period of time, according to the tinually being revised.

The following categories are exempted from submitting an income tax statement: - Employees and workers who

draw income from one source - Citizens who own or operate only one vehicle and draw income

from that vehicle alone. - People who work in trade hut whose capital is estimated to be less than JD 1,000.

According to the gazette, income tax regulations are con-

5 health centres opened

five health centres at Dokara. Beit Yaffa, Deir Al Sa'neh, Beit

Governorate. Later, he visited the Deir Abi Sa'id health centre and inspected its services. The minister announced that the Deir Abi

IRBID (Petra) — Health Minister Zaid Hamzeh opened Sunday offer emergency services and inter Zaid Hamzeh opened Sunday clude specialists' clinics.

The minister also announced that the health ministry will open Eides, and Kufr Abil in Irbid' a training centre for midwives and nursing colleges in Irbid and Zarqa later this year.

The minister was accompanied on the tour by Mr. Akram Al Nasser, Irbid's governor, and Sa'id centre will be enlarged to other officials.

Ministry to distribute school books to stores

of Education is to sell secondary tions, Dr. Waqfi added. stage students textbooks at fixed shops; it will make sure that no manipulation of these arrangements occurs, Radi Al Waqfi, under secretary of the Ministry of Education, announced Sunday.

Addressing a meeting of the committee responsible for providing the books, Dr. Waqfi said that various education departments in country's provinces will be supplied with books on all subjects. The departments will sell the books to the bookshops whose owners will have to pay for them in advance.

Each education director will authorise bookshops in his province to sell the books to the

students and to ensure that book- announce the results of the taw-

He said that the bookshops will cent profit, but will not be allowed to make photocopies of the books and sell them to the students. Each bookshop will be issued at least 1,000 copies of each textbook required for secondary education, Dr. Waqfi

The Ministry of Education last week announced that it will continue to provide students of the preparatory stage with their textbooks free of charge.

Tawjihi results to be annonced

The ministry is scheduled to

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Ministry sellers abide by ministry regula- jihi examinations taken last month by some 60,000 male and female students.

> by Dr. Waqfi and the lists of names and their results will be distributed later to the various schools, according to a ministry announcement issued Sunday. According to Dr. Waqfi, the results of the secondary stage admission examinations, which took place at the same time last

month, will be known by Aug. 3. Nearly 50,000 male and female students took the admission examination which will determine which educational streams they will be allowed into.

The results of the admission and the tawjihi examinations are normally announced before the start of academic year.

Jordan News Agency, Petra, At his press conference, Mr. Ganev said Jordan's trade ex-change with Bulgaria had reached \$20 million and it was expected to reach \$40 million by the end of this year. Jordan exported goods worth \$11.5 million and imported from Bulgaria goods worth \$8.5 million in the first half of 1987, he

with Mr. Nabih Al Nimer, secretary general of the Foreign Ministry. Petra said they agreed to explore possibilities for further promoting Jordanian-Bulgarian geoperation in economic and cooperation in economic and cultural fields and prospects for increasing the volume of bilateral

Paris and Tehran holding talks

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Mr. Musavi said Sunday: "The French showed at the outset that they have arrogant characteristics in blocking a number of diplomats at their frontiers."

"Our embassy was cordoned off in a very fierce and brutal manner, and in an insolent way,"

Mr. Musavi said Pakistan would represent Iran's interests in France. The French have already announced that Italy will take care of their interests in

and from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m.

ing where there is an alley leading to the hotel.



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Bulgaria voices support for peace conference with their Islamic practices, the

(Continued from page 1) Mr. Ganev denied reports of

direct contacts between Bulgaria and Israel despite the absence of diplomatic links, and said that any talks which could have taken place between the two countries would have been "humanitarian or technical in nature, regarding Russian churches in Israel and the situation of Bulgarian Jews living in Israel.

"We cut our relations with Israel for the Arabs and we will only renew relations only for the Arabs," he said. Bulgaria severed, diplomatic relations with Israel' during the 1967 Arab-Israeli war.

On Bulgaria's position towards the Iran-Iraq conflict, Mr. Ganev said that the Gulf war was an "irrational war" since it serves only those parties interested in continuing it for their own purposes. Mr. Ganev cited Israel as the main benefactor of the Gulf war since the war "delays Arab unity and consequently delays Arab efforts towards solving the Middle East problem."

Mr. Ganev said that the Gulf war would also serve those powers interested in strengthening their military power in the area. Mr. Ganev reiterated his country's support for measures and resolutions adopted by the United Nations, the Non-Aligned Movement, the Arab League and the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) towards stopping the Iran-Iraq war.

We support the (Soviet) proposal for the removal of all military ships from the Arab Gulf, since we feel that the Iran-Iraq conflict should not directly affect naviga-tion in the area," Mr. Ganev said. Bulgaria is against "military ships escorting tankers in the Gulf," he said. "It is very

In reply to a question on rela-tions between Turkey and Bulgaria. Mr. Ganev said that "for some time now, the relationship between Bulgaria and Turkey had been frozen." He said Bulgaria would work towards establishing better relations with Turkey but only on the basis of "mutual respect, and non-interference in internal issues of each country," he said.

On contentions that Bulgaria's alleged ill-treatment of Muslims has a direct bearing on Sofia's "frozen relations" with Ankara, Mr. Ganev said: "Although Bulgaria is not a Muslim country it. does give equal religious rights to all religious.'

According to Mr. Ganev, there is no truth to allegations that Turkish-Bulgarian differences stemmed from religion. He charged that Turkey was using this concept as a "curtain to hide its real intentions which are a continuation of the Ottoman empire's intentions."

Mr. Ganev arrived here on Saturday on an official visit. He held talks on Sunday with Minister of Awgaf and Islamic Affairs Abdul Aziz Khayatt on the situa-

of Muslims in Bulgaria and armed that they were not being a-treated and that the Bulgarian government does not interfere Iran.



From 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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Blackmail from the right

THE ultimatum issued by the extreme right Tehiya Party to Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir to either increase Jewish settlements in the occupied territories or face an early general elections is blackmail par excellence that could succeed. To be sure, the Tehiya Party leadership is offering an even worse face-saving formula to Shamir, i.e., to accept a new right-wing coalition government to replace the existing uneasy coalition between the Likud bloc and the Labour Party, in which case the price would still be the same or worse.

Thus the threat by the Tehiya Party to forge an unholy alliance with Shimon Peres's Labour Party and call for an early national elections is only intended to extricate from the Likud bloc further "improvement" in the volume and dimension of Israeli settlements in the West Bank. Shamir offered last Friday to build two new Jewish settlements in the West Bank in order to appease Tehiya politicians. The lust for more and more Jewish settlements on Arab land: appears unsatiable. It is therefore unlikely that the Tehiya Party and like-minded Israeli parties would be happy with biting the two settlements bait and accepting them as final word on the subject. The Tehiya Party knows only too well that their five Knesset seats could tip the scales and that the future of the existing "national unity" government could hang in the balance as they continue to apply pressure on Shamir and exploit his preference to maintain the political status quo in Israeli politics and avoid early elections. Yet avoiding early national elections for Shamir is tantamount to avoiding the projected international peace conference on the Palestinian conflict, the thought of which the Likud bloc and other extreme right-wing parties dread and would fight till the bitter end. Indeed, Shamir has also threatened to dismiss all the Labour Party ministers in the cabinet if he is pressed too much by Peres over the conference idea and to replace them by Tehiya politicians should matters come to a head in the on-going struggle for power. Shamir has cautioned his opponent Peres in so many words not to rock the boat too much or else his own foreign ministry portfolio would be given to David Levy, a key member in the Likud bloc whose political ambitions could take him up to the premiership post in no

The upshot of these events in Israel is that the right-wing bloc in Israel is prepared to fight till the bitter end against the international peace conference idea in spite of the fact that some 400,000 Israelis have signed up in support of the conference. In the final analysis, it is the Israeli people who could tip the scales one way or another over the issue of holding an effective international conference. As long as there is no clear consensus in Israel on the issue of peace with the Arab parties, the chances for a successful conference are doomed from the start. It must be remembered at all times that holding the conference is not by itself the means and the grande finale that we are all waiting for in the Middle East. The conference cannot be more than the avenue or vehicle for an honourable and durable peace between the two sides. The real objective has to be the successful peace conference where just and permanent peace terms can be arrived at.

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Al Ra'i: America's interests

ONE can easily perceive Israel's involvement in the Irangate affair by hearing John Poindexter's testimony before a congressional committee in Washington. The testimony bears witness to the fact that Israel had all along directed Washington in its action with regard to the sale of arms to Iran and U.S. policies towards the Middle East. In fact, Israel still influences America's policies in all that has to do with the Jewish state and its neighbouring states and Washington continues to oblige, and respond favourably to all Israel's requests even though such action might harm U.S. interests. The Iran arms scandal has no doubt complicated the Gulf conflict and made it difficult for Washington to pursue its declared policy of trying to end the war. Further complications in the war is bound to serve Israel's interests, and the American public should be made aware of such danger which was explicitly put to them through Poindexter's testimony. The American people should realise that Israel is trying to achieve its own objectives by all evil means, and at the expense of any country's interests. The American people should take lessons from this scandal, keep control on U.S. policies in the Middle East from now on and prevent Israel from pursuing its sabotage activity that has harmed America's credibility. Poindexter's testimony indicates that the United States is now in need of national heroes like Eisenhower who can place their nation's interests above all other considerations, and are not afraid of Israel's blackmail.

Al Dustour: Moscow wants war ended

IRAN'S foreign minister who visited Moscow lately heard Soviet views about the need for stopping the war with Iraq and preventing the Americans from maintaining their naval forces in the Gulf zone. The Soviets made it clear that they want an end to the conflict as soon as possible and that they oppose Tehran's adamant position and persistence to continue the fighting, because Moscow does not want to see foreign powers trying to gain a foothold in the region. Moscow has warned Iran of the danger of escalating the fighting and said that Tehran would bear all responsibility for the consequences. This Soviet warning coincides with current efforts to issue a United Nations Security Council resolution calling for an end to the war and for peaceful negotiations. We hope that such resolution will materialise, and that the current diplomatic crisis between Paris and Tehran will not stand in the way of this resolution. Perhaps the expected council resolution would usher in the initial and necessary steps for the beginning of the end of the seven year old conflict that has caused so much damage to the interests of Iran and the Arab Nation, and to world peace.

Sawt Al Shaab: Maggie campaigns for peace

THE latest escalation in tension throughout the Middle East and the Gulf zone has driven British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher to take up the issue with President Reagan during her short stop in Washington last week. Mrs. Thatcher believes that the proposed international Middle East peace conference presents the best chance for ending the Arab-Israeli conflict. She believes that no time should be wasted and efforts should be launched in bringing about peace to the Middle East region. She also believes that international endeavours must be made to put an end to the conflict in the Gulf region because of its adverse effects on world peace. The British prime minister discussed these issues with the U.S. president after realising that they are of grave danger to world peace and stability, and that major powers should take steps to find solutions. The Arab countries are deeply satisfied with Mrs. Thatcher's stand with regard to the middle East problem, and hope that the international community will now embark on steps that would lead to peace.

Don't abandon the Arab League, go through it

By Dr. Waleed Sadi

THE announcement by Morocco last week that it would like to become a member of the European Community and that it sees its future in Europe is clearly a bad reflection on the Arab League system as a whole. For an important Arab country as Morocco to seemingly foresake the Arab League and place its trust and confidence in the European Community rather than in its association with the national Arab organisation, the Arab League, bodes ill for the cause of Arabism and Arab coordination and cooperation. One is forced to conclude from the Moroccan futuristic plans that there is something basically and organically amiss in the general Arab state of affairs and the political offspring of the Arab World, the Arab League system. Morocco is not the first Arab country to seek other avenues or fora to express and satisfy its aspirations and objectives and surely it will not be the last to do so outside the existing Arab umbrellas. In other sub-regions of the Arab World, we have already become witness to the rise of prominence and relevancy of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) in the Arab Gulf region. And there is no denying that the GCC is functioning very well in addressing the issues and objectives posed by its Arab members; and that its birth and zenith are directly attributable to the failures of the Arab League system in general. It goes without saying that the GCC came to being to fill an urgent vacuum left by the Arab League system and to address pressing problems and challenges left unresolved by existing general inter-Arab associations.

· If the Arab League system is ill and not functioning well there is no doubt that the fault lies first and foremost with the Arab governments which have foresaken their collective association towards it for so long. The systematic denial of a clean bill of health to the Arab League by the Arab countries has clearly rendered it in due course irrelevant to the individual and collective Arab countries interests and welfare and forced some Arab countries to seek alternate ways and means to address their issues and problems. That the political and economic significance of the Arab League system to its member states has deteriorated and receded considerably over the past few years to the advantage of other organisations or arrangements is beyond doubt. It is a cardinal principle in natural law whether in organic or inorganic life, that if an organ, a priori an organisation, is not sufficiently or properly used, it would in due course atrophy and another organ or organisation takes its place and assume its role and function. This is perhaps the main lesson to be learned from the Moroccan decision to seek membership in the European Community and determine that its future lies squarely in the European Community's political and economic market rather than with the Arab League associa-

All true Arab nationalists would have preferred that the Arab countries have their own common market or economic union. not only by words and letters but rather by words, letters and deeds concurrently. There is no legitimate reason or cause to continue denying the Arab peoples and countries a well functioning and efficient economic market at least on par with the European Community market which has served well and in a coordinated manner the conflicting interests of varied nationalities in Europe. We the Arabs used to blame colonialism, neo-colonialism, imperialism and God knows what for frustrating our collective Arab cooperation and unity and for preventing us from forging ahead with our economic union as a prelude to other manifestations of Arab coordination and unity. But to continue to uphold such propositions is preposterous and outrageous. With the Arab countries blessed with independence and complementary natural resources, they constitute the almost perfect combination of states to enjoy an operational common market which could be the envy of other existing common markets in other regions of the world.

As an antidote to perpetual inter-Arab disarray, one would hasten to suggest that the Arab League system should undergo a rapid

form.

process of overhauling and revamping through, first, the expression and implementation of inter-Arab political and economic wills; and second, by reforming the internal infrastructure of the Arab League system. In this vein, one can hardly envision a thorough reform of the League structure without a meaningful review of the Charter of the Arab League at a well-prepared-for Arab summit conference. Since its inception and the adoption of its Charter, the Arab League system was left to drift astray without the benefit of periodic review of its constitution and direction. Over the years, the League had lost much of its dynamism and ability to lead the Arab World. But it continues to have the capacity to introduce innovative ideas and plans for the Arab World to reflect on and perhaps adopt. It also has the potential to provide the Arab World with the kind of leadership which could stimulate and activate inter-Arab actions on many level and in many dimensions. The Arab League can still do a lot to recapture and regain Arab faith and trust on the governmental as well as on the peoples levels. With the benefit of a two-pronged approaches, one from within and the other from the outside, much could still be done to rectify considerably the Arab state of affairs and to woo again the faith and interest of all the Arab governments including Morocco. Should the Arab governments succeed in having more confidence in one another, through a series of confidence-building measures, perhaps then the Arab countries in en masse and through their own viable and operational common market can enter into arrangements or associations with other common markets as the one already existing among the European Community with a view to further develop and consolidate their collective interests regionally and internationally. The day will surely arrive when the Arab governments will be all lured back to the Arab fold under the Arab League umbrella. To be sure much work needs to be done towards that honourable objective, and that will be realised sooner or later as long as Arabism still

Western countries plot to oust FAO chief

By Robert Little

LONDON — A cold, calculated conspiracy by a number of mainly Western nations, headed by Britain, Canada and Scandinavian countries, is being engineered in Rome to try to oust one of the United Nations' most successful top agency chiefs, Dr. Edouard Saouma, director general of the powerful Food and Agriculture Organisation.

Lebanese-born Dr. Saouma, who has headed the organisation for 12 years, looks like becoming the catalyst for one of the bitterest struggles between Eastern and Western member nations for the future policy direction of one of the U.N.'s major influential agencies.

Many Near and Far Eastern countries are still enraged at the American-inspired Western cam-paign that was largely instrumental in influencing the de-cision of Amadou Mahtar M'Bow, director general of UN-ESCO, to step down later this year after 12 years as head of the Paris-based agency.

The group known to be involved in this cynical manoeuvering against Dr. Saouma consists Finland, West Germany, Japan, The Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland and Britain. Although it is understood that not all of the members of this group have so far committed themselves 100 per cent against Dr. Saouma, most have.

In line with the U.N.'s consitution, Dr. Saouma is due to seek re-election for a third six-year term this November. He is already understood to have the support of a majority of the FAO's member states, including overwhelming support among

Arab League members. But as the executive council of the FAO assembled in Rome at the end of last month for its main meeting of the year, the Western group revealed their aim and were reported to be lobbying bard for their alternative chosen .candidate, Moise Mensah of

Before this meeting Britain had already made public its opposition to a third term for Dr. Saouma. In a speech before last month's general election, Mrs. Thatcher's minister for overseas development Christopher Patten, let it be known that Britain would be backing Mensah, whom he described as an "excellent candi-

However, when challenged to give reasons for Britain's opposition to the re-election of Dr. Saouma, Overseas Development Office officials in London offered only guarded criticism of the FAO chief, suggesting that perhaps the agency "needs a change in management style." It is a preferred policy of many countries, they say, that heads of U.N. agencies should not serve more than two terms.

Last month in Rome, however, some Western countries were being less inhibited. Circulating among selected diplomats and officials was a transcript of a broadcast statement by Robert Sallery, who was Canada's permanent representative to the FAO between 1982 and 1986. In a Canadian Broadcasting Corporation TV documentary in November last year Sallery had declared that Dr. Saouma runs "a reign of terror" at FAO.

Coupled with this remark, Maurice Strong, who organised the Stockholm Environment Conference in 1972 and later served as executive director of the U.N. environment programme, said on the CBC documentary that the FAO chief



Edouard Saouma

practices coercive tactics to get his way." He went on to accuse Dr. Saouma of "elevating ward (municpal) politics to the global

In a similarly snide and patronising remark a former Canadian minister of agriculture, Eugene Whelan, suggested that "any similarity between what we know as a democratic country and running the FAO is purely coincidental

It is known that the so-called "Western Group" of 11 countries has met three times in the past year to discuss how they believe the FAO should be "encouraged" to develop in future. Because some countries, for diplomatic reasons, were anxious not to publicise the meetings, the first took place clandestinely at a luxury hotel near Camberley, Surrey (outside London).

Since then two further meetings have been held, in The Hague (Holland) and in Copenhagen (Denmark). And even at this stage not all countries participating are convinced of the wisdom of polarising the selection of U.N. officials along an East-West

In their discussions the group is understood to have reached common agreement that the FAO's principal function should be as a development agency for the Third World. It should be prepared to offer forceful advice about agricultural policies, "not simply treat developing countries with kid gloves."

The group claims it is also calling for "a demonstrably open environment for issue-raising, negotiating and decision-making among member states which would lead to genuine consensus, and for an effort to implement "modern managerial systems in the FAO, notably in the areas of financial control and personnel administration.'

Some Western officials in Rome complain that under Dr. Saouma the FAO has placed too much emphasis on food aid which, they allege, can often damage agricultural production by depressing food prices and removing incentives for farmers — and too little on the development of "proper policies" for developing countries.

Nevertheless, it would appear that at this juncture they are not optimistic of replacing Dr. Saouma with Mensah, which had led to the need for a campaign of intensive lobbying. Mensah, they believe, who is an assistant president of the International Fund for Agricultural Development, has the advantage of being the favoured candidate of the Organisation of African Unity. There is expected to be a third candidate, from Colombia, but he is not expected to gain much sup-

So far Dr. Saouma has not responded to the Candian's personal abuse and other rash criticism nor to the campaign to prevent him winning a third term.

Brazil debates new constitution By Jorge Mederos debate, and there is hope that the Sarney says he prefers a strong

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil — Five months after starting its labours, Brazil's Congress still is struggling to write a new constitu-

The 559-member, two-house legislature, sitting simultaneously as a constitutional convention, is finding that in the democratic debate allowed under Brazil's 2vear-old civilian administration. nearly everyone is demanding their views be included.

The legislators want to rewrite the existing authoritarian con-stitution issued by degree under the military government that ruled Latin America's largest nation from 1964-1985. But the result so far has been a lot of confusion.

One of the key points of contention is whether the presidential rule should be replaced with a prime minister form of government. Others include regulation of foreign capital and investment, land reform, capital punishment, use of nuclear energy and the role of the armed forces.

"What we have is a pile of contradictory suggestions, resentative Bernardo Cabral, coordinator of the project, said in July as he presented the first draft of the new charter, a 4-foot-high (1.2-m) stack of paper comprised of 501 articles and 5,600 amend-

President Jose Sarney hopes the new constitution — the eighth since Brazil gained independence from Portugal in 1822 - will be ready by Nov. 15. That is a national holiday and the anniversary of the date in 1889 on which Brazil switched from a monarchy to a republic.

The draft now goes to floor

congressmen-convention members, who were freely elected last favour a prime minister. year and range from supporters of the former military government to Communists, can put the. charter into a more manageable

But heated debate is expected over key provisions that will determine the overall structure of government in this country of 141 million people.

"The first battle is over. Now the real war begins," Cabral said. Here are examples of major

- President or prime minister? The assembly will decide if Brazil keeps its U.S.-style presidential form of government or adopts a European-type parliamentary

executive, but many congressmen - Foreign capital. New guide-

flows in the veins of our future generations.

lines regulating foreign capital and investment will be issued. One proposal would forbid the conversion of debt into risk-capital investment. The government says this is an important way to reduce the \$112.7-billion foreign debt — the Third World's largest which Brazil temporarily has

stopped repaying. Legislators also will take a look at the "market reserve" policy that restricts foreign computer companies and has drawn protests from the United States.

- Land reform. This has been bitterly contested issue since colonial times. Sarney has pledged to distribute 88 million acres of unproductive land among



1.4 million peasant families in four years. The project largely has been blocked by powerful landowners. The right-wing Democratic Rural Union, representing ranchers and landowners, recently staged a 20,000-strong demonstration opposing land re-

form in the constitution. - Nuclear energy. Leading scientists want the new constitution to stipulate that Brazil will use nuclear energy only for peaceful purposes. The country has one civilian nuclear reactor and is building two others. But prominent physicist Jose Goldemberg has alleged that the armed forces are running a "parallel" nuclear programme to build a nuclearpowered submarine and an ato-

mic bomb. Capital punishment. Some legislators have proposed reinstating the death penalty. The maximum sentence now is 30 years in prison.

- The armed forces. One proposal would limit the military's role to defence of national territory. Its sponsors fear that widening those duties to include guaranteeing law and order could leave the door open for another

military coup. Special-interest and lobby groups — including feminists, blacks, homosexuals, AIDS victims, Evangelical Protestants pharmaceutical makers and ship owners — also are pressuring constitutional convention mem bers to include articles and

amendments in their favour. Further complicating the debate is a provision, supported by intellectuals and artists, to allow "popular amendments." Each proposal would have to be signed by 30,000 voters, and an "ordinary citizen" then could argue the position before the full assembly,

S.Korean journalists press for more freedom

By David Thurber The Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea - After

years of press restrictions, South Korean journalists say they are struggling to ensure that a pledge by President Chun Doo-Hwan to allow freedom of the press will result in real change.

Government agents regularly visit newspapers and broadcasting stations to monitor news coverage and supply news "guidelines," say reporters and editors.

The government says the guidelines are merely requests for press cooperation and do not constitute censorship. But over the years, editors and reporters have been called or taken in for questioning by authorities over their adherence to the guidelines. In recent months however,

begun to refuse to comply with some government guidelines, editors and reporters say. On July 1, after weeks of nationwide anti-government demonstrations, President Chun announced he would accept opposition demands for sweeping

several major newspapers have

freedom of the press. Local press coverage of the demonstrations has been extensive, in contrast with the past, when anti-government protests often received little mention in the media.

democratic reforms, including

Editors and reporters said stronger demands by journalists for a free press were part of the reason for the change.

In May, several hundred younger journalists at five major newspapers began protesting press restrictions, a senior editor said. At three papers, reporters posted signs in newsrooms warning government agents to stay away, he

Because of the atmosphere in television network. In June, it charge the current basic press law

the newsrooms, agents have been unable to visit the three newspapers, and have resorted to contacting staff members by telephone, the senior editor said.

Like many journalists interviewed for this story, the editor spoke on condition he not be identified by name. Last fall, a dissident group cal-

led the Council for Democratic Press Movement printed what it said were the daily press guidelines issued by the government, from October 1985 to August 1986. The guidelines gave directions for what stories to use or not use, where they should be displayed and how long they should he. they said.

One guideline advised against page-one display of stories about political upheaval in the Philippines, while another directed newspapers not to print stories about the head of the Korean Roman Catholic church, Cardinal Stephen Soo-Hwan Kim, who was calling for a revision of the constitution, they said.

A copy editor at the Hankook Ilbo newspaper, Kim Joo-Eun, received a suspended sentence after being arrested along with two Council for Democratic Press Movement members for having released the guidelines.

"The guidelines are a means of government suppression of the press," Kim said in an interview. "So I thought I must reveal them to the people."

Recent government guidelines have included directions on how to handle stories and pictures of opposition leader Kim Dae-Jung, e senior editor said. However, coverage of Kim has

increased since he was granted an amnesty July 9 for a 1980 sedition conviction. Smaller changes also have

began including some opposition politicians in its discussion prog-Last year, church groups led a

campaign for more balanced news coverage. Christians have been active in the Movement for Democratic Reform.

"Print (journalism) is enjoying relative freedom, but broadcast is not," said the Rev. Kim Kwan-Suk, head of the Christian Broadcasting System (CBS). "We're trying to get the government to lift all its controls on broad-

casting."
CBS, the country's only independent radio network, was prohibited from broadcasting news programmes and advertisements in a government media reorganisation after Chun seized power

In that reorganisation conducted under martial law, several newspapers and magazines were closed and all television and radio stations, with the exception of CBS, were merged into KBS and Munhwa Broadcasting Corp., of which KBS is a major stockholder.

The country's two main news agencies were combined into one agency. Yonhap, which is the only news medium allowed to have regional news bureaus and subscribe to foreign news agen-

The government also has banned about 1,000 books, according to the Korean Publishers Association.

The dissident Council for Democratic Press Movement says about 700 journalists lost their jobs by government order or because of the closure of their newspapers during the 1980 reorganisation.

Formal press censorship was lifted in January 1981 with the occurred at KBS, the state-run end of martial law, but critics

continues to restrict press freedom. Particularly objectionable. they say, is its requirement that all periodicals be licensed by the government, which they say allows authorities to ban publications they dislike.

Government officials say they. are discussing a revision of the law as a result of Chun's promise of press freedom. Asked about the changes, a

ministry of culture and information official provided a statement. saying, "the government is well aware that some have been voicing criticism that the law has impeded the development of the media and even restricted the freedom of the press in Korea. It is considered that such criticisms reflect the fact that the working relationship between the government and the press has been somewhat awkward."

It said that as a result of the discussions, "freedom of the press, as perceived by the news media, will be expanded in substance as well as in name.' Journalists have mixed reac-

tions to the government's

An editorial writer at a major newspaper warned that journalists need to be cautious now in their reporting so as not to jeopardise the chance for reform.

The press should oversee changes on a gradual basis and let the government have time to adjust to the changing situation," he

said in an interview. But Kim Tae-Hong, a Council for Democratic Press Movement leader who was among those arrested for releasing government press guidelines, said reporters would have to fight for press

freedom. "Freedom of the press is the most important freedom, so this government will not easily give it to the people," he said.



TOKYO -- Kotaro Kitamura sits behind a worn wooden desk in an office cooled by an electric fan and plans the high-tech cities of tomorrow.

The proposals range from computer-linked road sensors that will alert drivers to congestion via special radio channels or sign-boards, to regions where residents may shop, balance bank accounts or pay utility bills at their home computers.

"We hope to be a leader in world urban design," Kitamura, director of the ministry of construction's city bureau, said in a recent interview. "In the future, it will be necessary to add a brain and nervous system' to conventional urban infrastructures."

In March, the ministry declared 22 Japanese cities future "intelligent cities," a project the government says is unpre-cedented worldwide in its scope. Tokyo also begins work next year on a complex in Tokyo Bay that will be Japan's largest "intelligent' venture.

"Intelligent" buildings have become common in the 1980s since their advent in the United States, with most seeking to pro-vide tenants with the latest communication, energy and other automated systems. But the concept of linking them with "intelligent" transport and communication networks is just emerging.

ILO feature

FOR a decade the winds of eco-

nomic and social change buffered

the social security systems of both

developed and developing countries. One challenge followed

another: oil crises, inflation, a

lingering recession and high un-

employment. Dire warnings were

sounded that social security was

unable to survive in such a cli-

Not so, says Jean-Pierre.

Dumont, Director of Research at

the Centre national d'etudes su-

perieures de securite sociale in

Paris, in a recent study under-

taken at the request of the ILO to

determine the impact of these

economic upheavals on social

security systems around the

world. He finds that although

there are some cracks in such

pillars as sickness insurance, un-

employment benefits and old age

pensions, the main edifice re-

Based on responses to ques-

tionnaires and other research, the

study details the trends and

changes in social security during

1974-84 in 30 countries: 13 in Western Europe, seven in Africa,

two in North America, three in

Latin America, three in Eastern

Europe and one each in Asia and

In the early years of this critical

decade, the study notes that im-

provements and innovations

rather than modifications domin-

In 1974, for example, Came-

roun set up an old age pension

scheme and similar plans for old

age and invalidity insurance were

developed in Egypt, Pakistan,

Sudan and Swaziland. Gabon insti-

tuted national social security be-

nefits and Algeria extended

health insurance to cover groups

of workers previously excluded

During the early 1970s social

benefits for the handicapped were introduced in Belgium, the Federal Republic of Germany, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom. Maternity leave was significantly extended in several countries including Austria, Denmark, France, Ireland

Improvements in unemploy-

ment benefits — such as the

extension of coverage for addi-

tional categories of workers and

extension of the maximum dura-

tion of benefits - became a

priority target in most industrial-

ised countries where the reces-

sion was tightening its grip. These

included Austria, Belgium, De-

namrk, the Federal Republic of

Germany, France, Portugal and

In the United States a series of

temporary laws in the areas most

severely hit by unemployment

allowed for an extension of unemployment insurance from 26 to

52 weeks. An emergency law in

1974 set up assistance in unem-

ployment benefits for agricultural

workers, household help and

others not covered by unemploy-

Following the second oil shock

in 1979, however, unemployment

benefits were the first victim of

the worsening economic condi-

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industrialised countries, Mr.

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further diminished in certain categories, for example in Bel-

ment insurance.

Dumont says.

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Spain.

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the Middle East.

mains fundamentally sound.

smart structures are a gimmick to inflate building costs, but intelligent buildings have multiplied into an estimated 30-trillion-ven (206-billion-dollar) market in

One of the reasons is that the rebuilding of Japan's cities, parti-cularly Tokyo, after World War II, proceeded with survival more than planning in mind, Kitamura

The result was bland jumbles

telephone lines and other problems that belie the nation's reputation for technological wizardry. Kitamura said ambulances and

of narrow winding roads, exposed

fire engines take 10 minutes on average to arrive in Tokyo, or more than double the optimum time, and the city has far less park space than the capitals of other developed nations.

Even many of Japan's offices remain out-of-date, plagued by poor lighting and other problems, Fearful of the impact of grow-

ing populations on already-overtaxed city services, and eager to prepare for future information needs, the government hopes its programme will help solve such urban problems.

The 232,000 residents of Takasaki City, 96 kilometres north of Tokyo, plan to iron out their downtown congestion with "intelligent" improvements, said Minoru Tomita of the urban poli-

Downtown Takasaki is near an express way, in a prefecture (state) which has three cars per family, the most of any nationwide. Its planned computerised traffic system will alert drivers to empty parking lots and tell people waiting curbside when their bus will arrive.

Merchants will be linked through a city computer and telephone network providing data ranging from gas and water con-

If it turns out as planned, a microchip in each smart-house device and appliance will identify what is being plugged into any outlet, as well as the specific amount of current needed for its

Only after this identification is made can the device receive current. Thus, a baby sticking a finger into a smart-house outlet would not be harmed because its finger is not an authorised device. It can, for example, be instructed not to provide power to an electric guitar plugged into a bath-

Even if such an instruction weren't given, a teen-ager trying to play that guitar in the shower would be protected, because any deviation from the power level the system has been instructed to

receive will trip the circuit. The smart house also seeks

plugged into any outlet in the house without additional wiring. A stereo receiver in the living room can provide music in the bedroom or the basement.

Any smart-house device can operate in any outlet, which means the residents could unplug the stereo speaker, plug in a telephone and immediately make Through a video display it can

also give warnings that the refrigerator door is open, an oven was unintentionally left on or a front door was left unlocked. All smart-house devices can be

given instructions from a control placed anywhere in the house. Thus, a panel in the bedroom can be instructed to provide wake-up music, raise the heat and

get the coffee ready. According to the foundation. the entire system will have the capability of being controlled re-motely from any distance simply by telephoning instructions to it. All this will cost, of course. But homebuyers are as smart as this house thinks they are, they will demand its services, thereby bringing down the cost via production volume.

The smart-house innovators have thought a lot about this project, but they haven't been able to overcome the obvious, which is what happens in a power outage. The nearest they have come to resolving the issue is to have the smart house switch to an alternate power source, if one is

While that might be viewed as a drawback by some homeow-ners, others might be reassured by the knowledge that if their house becomes too smart, they always can pull the plug on it.

sumption to the weather, Tomita

Tokyo's own programme — separate from the 22-city project calls for a 1.98-trillion-yen (13.6-billion-dollar) complex cal-led teleport on 120 hectares (300 acres) of reclaimed land. It will provide 340 hectares (850 acres) of office and housing space for a target population of 10,000, Tokyo metropolitan officials say.

An artist's rendition of the project shows wide streets and plentiful parks between clusters of tall buildings topped by dishshaped satellite antennas.

Teleport tenants will be able to tap into satellite data ranging from London stock market reports to disaster surveillance and security information at any hour, and communicate through teleport computers rather than conventional facsimile machines or telephones, said officials.

Kitamura and others said intelligent cities won't solve all Japan's urban ills, but that the projects will provide needed cases of improvement and needed urban homes and offices.

The government predicts that in the year 2000, 70 per cent of Japan's projected 130 million people will live in cities and that the country will need 230 hectares (575 acres) more office space.

By that time, the ministry expects 400 smart buildings to arise the 22 intelligent cities, which range from the booming financial centre of Osaka to smaller, more rural towns.

phase of a much wider, more

complex international storm,

according to Mr. Dumont. It is

likely to encounter new demog-

raphic, financial and monetary

challenges in the years to come.

Countries like the Federal Re-

public of Germany and Sweden

show that social and economic

such examples remain as incon-

clusive as they are few. Greater

international solidarity will un-

Randa Habibs

Big brother, tell us please

MOST people must have heard about the pollution of water in west Amman. Many smelled and tasted it. This shocking fact was discovered by the people and not the authorities. With a strange smell and a brownish colour people knew something was wrong and that water coming down through taps was certainly not

People, who were taught all along that water is a colourless, tasteless and smell-free liquid, did not have to be scientifically sophisticated to tell that there was something wrong with the water. Confirmation came later from Water Authority officials who admitted that there was some pollution in the water, adding that the necessary measures were taken. In that case, it turned out, they meant more chlorine was added to water, and reserve tanks were cleaned. Meanwhile, some areas of Amman still suffer from "cloudy" and "smelly" water. People are worried about the consequences of this pollution on their children and themselves. How polluted is the water? Rumours say that the chemicals in the water, added to the chlorine, can cause dangerous diseases. Increased diarrhoea cases are being noticed, and adults are complaining of stomack aches from the fungus that is said to be causing the taste, colour and smell in water.

So what is really going on? Both men responsible for handling water in the country have resigned. Very few, if any, officials are willing to talk, which in turn allows room for rumours to mature and spread. People are worried, and they have every reason to be. But, people have the right to know or to be told what to do to avoid any damaging effects from the phenomena. So, would someone, please, tell us?

There is more than just Aida to music in Egypt

By Fouad Gawhari

the ground in 1971. Following gala performances last May of Giuseppe Verdi's

But the musical tradition here, alongside Egypt's role as the leading Arab cultural centre, has a depth which the symphony

Yousef Al Sisi, the orchestra's conductor, boasts that his 90member troupe, soon to be increased to 130 players, is the best in Africa and the Middle East.

"The Cairo Symphony Orchestra is the only apparatus in the Arab World capable of giving recitals of world music and accompanying opera and ballet performances," he told Reuters. Al Sisi, 52, said several Egyp-

tian soloists had established reputations in other countries, citing pianists Ramzy Yassa and Moushira Issa, cellists Nagi Habashi and Kamal Salaheddin and violinists Kamal Al Shweikh

Egyptian music-lovers see the symphony orchestra as one of the heirs of a musical tradition dating back to Pharaonic times.

"You find it engraved on tomb walls... Harpists, singers and dancers entertain the king and his beloved queen," said student Manal Zarif, a classical music

The orchestra concerts, in a season from December to July, attract thousands of Egyptians and foreigners alike. Emad Al Koussy, an agronom-

ist, drives in from the Nile Delta town of Kafr Al Sheikh to hear the orchestra. In the music of Brahms or

Rimsky-Korsakov, under Al Sisi's baton, he finds "an oasis in a desert of discordant notes which engulf today's world." Underpinning modern Egypt's

musical scene is the Academy of Arts, near the Pyramids, which celebrated its silver jubilee in It's 1,200 students work in theatre, music — including Ara-

bic music - cinema, ballet and folklore. It serves as a specialised university serving Egypt and the whole Arab World, according to its president, Mohammed Ezzedin Ismail.

The new opera house, entirely financed by Japan, is set to become Cairo's leading music centre after it opens next year.

Its main auditorium will have 1,300 seats and a smaller hall with 500. There is a 600-seat open-air and a museum.

Japanese diplomat Tadashi Uemura said he believed the seven-storey opera house would be the biggest in the Middle East. "It's a symbol of excellent ties between Egypt and Japan,'

The smart house is coming

By John Cunniff The Associated Press NEW YORK — The smart house is coming, and early indications are that it will operate perfectly if it has a smart owner and even

help out people who tend to be a bit forgetful. As envisioned, the smart house will receive telephoned instructions, such as to turn on the oven, alert the homeowner to smoke or fire problems, and turn off lights when a person leaves the room. It also may be able to room outlet. protect children from some acci-

The smart house is being developed by the National Association of Home Builders and its associate Nahb Foundation, now in the laboratory stage, it might be demonstrated in late 1989 and made commercially available

ployed workers.

elegance. Stereo speakers can be

Social security weathers the storm

that they be replaced by unem-

Éarly retirement benefits based on various criteria — employment situation, sex, the number of years the potential retiree had contributed to national social security - were offered in Austria, Belgium and France, In some countries provisions were made or liberalised for early retirement by workers in particularly arduous jobs. In Greece specific occupations were identified

wage earners early retirement energy plants, forest workers, with full pension on the condition dishwashers and chief editors of provincial daily newspapers. Rarely, however, did any country impose an obligatory early retire-

ment age.

Mr. Dumont points out the entirely different situation in Eastern Europe where older employees were encouraged to work beyond the usual age of retire-ment because of a labour shor-Health protection - that all-

important arm of social security - became harder to maintain including workers in nuclear during the recession due to a

sharp rise in medical costs as more sophisticated techniques were developed. In most industrialised countries

modifications were made in health insurance benefits, especially after 1979. They included instituting a flat-rate rebate system, lowering proportional payments and revising the list of reimbursable medicines. Care was taken not to penalise the very voung or old and those suffering from long or costly illnesses.

In sum, social security may

doubtedly be needed if social security is to be safeguarded and have only gone through the first developed throughout the world.

The nearly complete fossil and parts of several other turtles are the oldest found anywhere in the world of cryptodires, one of two major groups that comprise all modern turtles, said scientists from the American Museum of

Natural History in New York. The fossils were found on Navajo tribal lands in the southwestern U.S. state of Arizona during several years of field work. They push back the known record of cryptodires by 45 million years and illustrate a very

German businessman becomes Jain, vows not to swat insects but this is difficult because of "because he had read so much By Lai Kwok Kin

Reuter .

gium for unemployed workers

who were not heads of house-

holds and in Luxembourg for

those with a working spouse earn-

ing at least 2.5 times the mini-

mum wage. In the Federal Re-

public of Germany a 1982 law

reduced the maximum duration

of benefits which varied accord-

ing to how long the worker had

Closely linked to the rising

unemployment in Western indus-

trialised countries was a trend

toward early retirement. The Un-

ited Kingdom introduced a "job release scheme" giving older

contributed to social security.

NEW DELHI — Markus Mossner, a 24-yer-old West German, has taken a vow not to squash any insects under foot nor to swat mosquitoes biting him if he can help it.

New Delhi last month, the Freiburg businessman became one of very few foreign converts to Jainism, a faith whose priests

are easy to spot.
Such is their reverence for all animal life that they carry brooms to sweep the path before them of insects, and wear facemasks to avoid inhaling microscopic airborne creatures. Through a handkerchief cover-

ing his mouth, Mossner solemnly intoned his vows and prostrated himself three times in an indoor stadium packed with hundreds of

Jainism claims about four million followers, almost all of them

Its priests say they would like to spread the faith further afield,

The priests say that Jainism, which has remained virtually unchanged since it began in India 2,500 years ago, promises rein-

known as Tirthankars. They say their faith organised Hinduism, although the two religions share some of the same deities and beliefs.

carnation and salvation through

the path set by its first prophets,

Jains are divided into two sects, the Shwetambaras (white clothed) and the Digambaras (sky-clad), whose priests go ab-out completely naked because even clothes are deemed mater-

The frail, bespectacled Moss-ner belongs to the Terapanth, one of three main Shwetambara sub-sects.

"I became interested in Jainism after reading about the life_of Mahatma Gandhi. He was influenced by Jain principles of nonviolence," Mossner told Reuters.

During the ceremony, he was given the name Saman Swayan Pragya (the knowledgeable one)

their vows to travel only on foot. a about Jainism." He said the name change symbolised the new life he

His vows, which are binding for three months, include abstaining from sex, not eating meat, limiting his possessions to three white tunics and studying English trans-

"I have some travellers' cheques but I won't use them for this period," Mossner said. "I also had a camera when I came to India but that was stolen."

At the end of the period Mossner will either return to West Germany as a lay Jain and spread the faith or join the priesthood, a prospect the knowledgeable one

admitted he was not too keen on. Jain priests, numbering a few thousand, follow an austere

They are initiated after having their hair plucked out by the roots and from then on subject themselves to hardships such as meditating under the baking sum-

Turtles swam in U.S. desert

WASHINGTON — Researchers have found the 185 million-yearold remains of the oldest known ancestor to most modern turtles, a 12-inch (30-cm) long creature they say once swam in what is now the southwestern U.S. de-

The find shows that the reptiles have evolved considerably despite an outward appearance similar to their modern descendants, scientists said.

mer sun, with temperatures lion years and illustrate a very reaching 48 degrees centigrade. early evolutionary stage of mod-

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185 million years ago By Warren E. Leary ern turtles, scientists said. The Associated Press Evidence at the site indicates it

niwas aquatic at the time the turtle lived and that the creature probably was a swimmer, they said. The main fossil, consisting of a complete shell and skull, is of a new species of turtle scientists named kayentachelys aprix,

according to a report published in the July 17 issue of the journal

"Turtles have often been cited as examples of 'living fossiles,' a group that is structurally conservative throughout its history," the scientists said. "In fact, however, this viewpoint is erroneous." and Midhat Abdul Salam.

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CAIRO - Filtering through the cacophony of a sweaty, crowded Cairo street come the graceful notes of a Beethoven fantasia. soothing pedestrians and angry motorists.

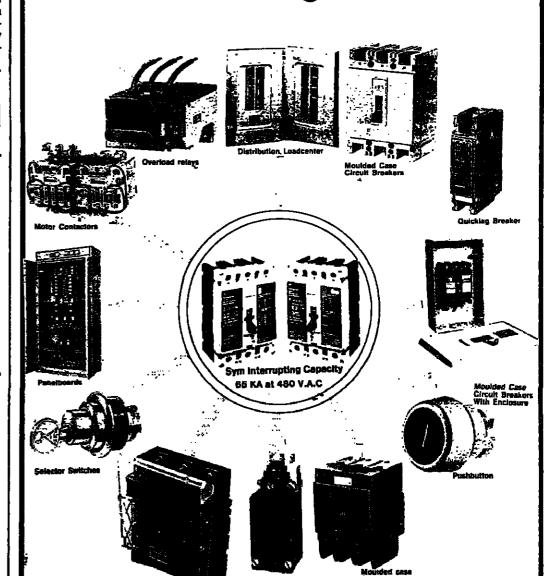
The music comes from the Al Gomhouria Theatre, Egypt's main concert hall, where the Cairo Symphony Orchestra is giving one of its regular performances to a capacity audience.

A few miles away, Japanese engineers and Egyptian workers are building a 27-million dollar arts centre to replace the old Cairo Opera House, burned to

growth can go hand in hand but Aida at the Luxor Temple, the setting for which it was written, another production of the opera is being prepared for September at Egypt's best-known tourist site, the Giza Pyramids. They may be landmarks on Egypt's musical scene.

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McCallum stuns Curry to retain WBA junior middleweight crown GOTEMBA, Japan (AP) — A team made up of Kenneth Acheson of Britain and two Japanese,

LAS VEGAS, Nevada (Agencies) — Unbeaten Mike McCallum unleashed a devastating left hook that knocked former welterweight champion Donald Curry Cold in the fifth round Saturday night and retained his World Boxing Association (WBA) junior middleweight title.

The end of the fight came suddenly, a little more than a minute into the round, when McCallum followed a Curry combination with a savage left hook that put Curry flat on his back.

Curry tried desperately to get up and managed to get onto one. elbow by the count of eight, but was unable to rise any further as referee Richard Steele waved the fight to a conclusion at 1:14 of the fifth round.

McCallum, undefeated and until now unheralded was behind

three of them before he stopped fellow-American Curry Cold with shattering left hook to the head at 1:14 of the fifth.

It happened after Curry, a twoto-one pre-fight favourite, missed with a right to the head. McCallum responded with a show-stop-ping left he had lying in wait.

"That left hook, that's what we were practising," said Lou Duva, McCallum's manager, after the fight. "When Mike went to the body, Curry started dropping his right hand.

on all cards through four rounds and had been jarred sharply in to happen eventually. It was just

round, in which the two fought

almost evenly. The Filipino, 22.

was ranked seventh by the IBF.
Lee weighed in at 55.2 kilogrammes (121.6 pounds) and Collins at 55 kilogrammes (121.2

This was Lee's second defence of the title which he won from

Thailand's Prayunsak Muang-

surin with a ninth-round knock-

Lee now holds a record of 40

wins and six losses. It was Collin's

third setback against 19 wins and

The win boosted McCallum's record to 32 wins, won by knockout, and was sure to raise the relatively unknown champion of a "junior" weight division into consideration as one of the best fighters in the sport.

The defence, his sixth since winning the title in October 1984, equals the record for successful defences by a 154-pound cham-

McCallum, a Jamaica-born resident of New York who says he will be 30 years old but is believed' to be 32, was the longest reigning current champion in boxing en-tering the bout and now will be the longest reigning 154-pound champion in the history of the 25-year-old division.

The 25-year-old Curry, from Texas, received \$425,000 for the

CARPENTRAS, France (R) —

The Tour de France on Sunday

paid homage to British cyclist

Tommy Simpson on the mountain climb where he died during

Simpson collapsed on the sun-baked roads of Mont Ventoux

during the 13th stage of the 1967

tour. He was dead on arrival at

the hospital here, and world cycl-

ing mourned the miner's son from

During Sunday's time-trial

stage on the mountain, Simpson's widow Helen laid flowers at a

memorial where he fell. She was

accompanied by her husband Barry Hoban, who was Simpson's

the race 20 years ago.

Tour de France cyclists pay

anniversary homage to Simpson

a matter of time. It wasn't a lucky fight. McCallum received

McCallum said he now wanted to move up to the middleweight division, a class in a state of flux since Sugar Ray Leonard defeated Marvellous Marvin Hagler in April and then retired.

"I think I've proved myself as a junior middleweight," he said. "I'd like to fight the winner of the (Thomas) Hearns and (Juan Domingo) Roldan fight."

That bout, for the vacant WBC middleweight title, is set for October 29 in Las Vegas.

Curry, now 27-2 with 20 knockouts, failed for the fourth straight time to show the form that earned him praise less than a year ago as the best fighter in the sport. He had little to say after the fight, "I don't know what happened," he said. "I don't know what happened."

teammate in the 1967 tour, and tour director Jacques Goddet.

The memorial stands a

kilometre from the 1910-metre

summit of the extinct volcano

where temperatures on July 13, reached 54 degrees centigrade (130 Fahrenbeit) a the tour riders

Simpson, won a world title for

his country in 1965, but dearly

wanted to be the first Briton to

He was the first Englishman to

wear the yellow jersey, the lead-

er's colours, an it was his deter-

mination to do so again on that

win the Tour de France.

mbed Ventoux.

sad day in 1967.

team wins race

Japanese-British

Kunimitsu Takahashi and Kazuo Mogi, drove their Porsche 962c to victory in a rain-shortened Ali Japan Fuji 500-mile Race Sunday.

The winning team sped 93 laps arouand the 4.441-kilometre (2.75-mile) Fuji Speedway Track at the foot of Mount Fuji in three hours, seven minutes, 03.321 seconds, at an average speed of 132.478 kilometres (82.136 miles)

The race was originally scheduled to last 500 miles (800 kms), but was shortened due to heavy

Vern Schuppan of Australia and Keiichi Suzuki of Japan came in second place in 3:08.46.861 for 93 laps, also driving a Porsche

Sweden's Eje Elgh and American Ross Cheever, driving a Dome 87c Toyota, finished in thrid in 3:08.22.350 after covering

Kriek, Saceanu

championships

LIVINGSTON, New Jersey (AP)

— Top-seed Johan Kriek and

unseeded Christian Saceanu of West Germany advanced to the finals Saturday in the \$125,000 Volvo Tennis-New Jersey Cham-

pionships at Newark Academy.

Antonitsch of Austria 6-3, 2-6,

6-4 in a semifinal marked by

bitter words between the players

at the net midway through the

Saceanu, despite nine double

faults, scored a service break in

each set and beat Marc Flur, an

unseeded former Duke Universi-

ty star from Durham, North

Carolina, 6-3, 6-4. The 19-year-old West German

coached by Boris Becker's former

mentor, Gunther Bosch, reached

Antonitsch, angered by a line call, was hit with a warning for an

obscenity in the first set and was

warned for a time delay in the

third set. In that set, the volatile

Austrian continued a verbal bat-

tle with the chair umpire until

he was constantly on the umpire,

first tournament title in two

Antonitsch, who upset third-

seed Paul Annacone in the

second round, committed a dou-

ble fault on the next point but

managed to hold serve for 2-2 in

the decisive set. Two games later,

he double-faulted away the sixth

game but got back on serve by

breaking Kriek in the third game

"He's young and he went for

The South African-born play-

er, now a U.S. citizen and Na-

ples, Florida, resident, cruised to

triple match point on a service

return, a lob winner and a back-

Antonitsch fought off two of

the match points before Kriek

closed out the 97-minute match

The loser was fined \$500 for

the obscenity and another \$500

for abuse of equipment. In anger,

with another passing shot.

electronic line caller.

top 10 player.

hand cross-court passing shot.

too many big serves in the last game," said Kriek, who won this

of the next set.

tournament in 1984.

"I told him to shut up because

Kriek shouted, "shut up."

his first Grand Prix final.

Kriek defeated unseeded Alex

advance to

New Jersey

finals

Giant Yugoslav basketballers crush American university team in Zagreb

fails to score while Walid Qamaraddin, Lebanese take on the Palestine team at 6:00 p.m.: Ahryada Waladah's defender leaps in bid to block Stadium (Photo by Abdullah Ayyoub).

The World University Games end with Romanians sweeping 5 gold medals in rowing

SOCCER DANCE: Syrian Jubla's striker Iskan- Arab League Champions Championships, fied 2-

dar Romeo kicks the ball in Sunday's match but (1-1). Champions Jordan, Al Faisali, will today fails to score while Walid Qamaraddin, Lebanese take on the Palestine team at 6:00 p.m. at Amman

ZAGREB, Yugoslavia (AP) — Yugoslavia crushed the United States 100-85 in the men's basketball final and Romania collected five rowing golds at the World University Games on Saturday.

The United States never had a chance against the taller Yugos-lavs, who dominated the back-

Drazen Petrovic, rated Europe's best basketball player, scored 35 points for Yugoslavia, which was ahead from the start and had a 50-38 halftime lead.

time deficit to edge Cuba 80-79

Spain overcame a 43-36 halffor the bronze medal. The Romanians had four

the shot. Both teams, playing in the third day of the

women's and one men's gold in the rowing, dominating the finals together with Italy, which collected three men's golds.

The other rowing golds went to Holland, China, West Germany, East Germany, Poland and Bul-

Li Kong Zhong took the men's platform diving with a total of 631.71 points, giving China a clean sweep of all golds in the

Ten players scored for the American basketball team against Yugoslavia with Guard Mitch Richmond leading the team with 19 points.

"They are older, bigger and more experienced," said U.S. coach Mike Krzyzewski of Duke University in discussing the

With their five wins in the rowing, Romania tied the Americans for golds at 20, both trailing the Soviet Union.

Italy held on to fourth place in golds, moving up to 11, followed by China with 9.

The Americans were highly favoured in several of the 13 track finals on Sunday, the last day of competition. They could match their gold total of 22 in Kobe, Japan, in 1985.

championship title two seasons back, were often outplayed by Le

Havre but Senegalese striker

Jules Bocande scored six minutes

Monaco makes flying start to French League season

PARIS (R) — England striker Mark Hateley scored on his French League debut and helped his new club Monaco to a 3-1 victory over Marseille in the top clash of the opening night of the First Division soccer season on

Saturday night.
The former A.C. Milan centre-forward headed home Monaco's third goal on the hour in front of a rare capacity 20,000 crowd to sink visitors Marseille, who finished second to Bordeaux in

and he was interrupting the flow of my game," said the 29-year-old Kriek, who will be seeking his both league and cup last year. Double champions Bordeaux trailed 2-1 after 22 minutes at home to Metz but rallied with two second half goals and emerged 3-2 victors, Jose Toure scoring twice - once from the penalty spot — and Yugoslav striker Zlat-

ko Vujovic netting the 66th mi-Marseille exerted the early

pressure in Monaco's Louis II Stadium, but Hateley and England teammate Glenn Hoddle, Monaco's signing from Tot-

trouble the visitors. Hateley featured in an attack which led to Monaco's first goal in the 34th minute through Fabrice Mege. Youssouf Fofana added the second, crowning a

shot which flew in just under the bar in the 58th minute. Then it was Hateley's turn to

superb solo move with a rasping

only for Hateley to head home. Marseille's international striker Jean-Pierre Papin scored from the penalty spot in the 67th minute, but it was too late to stop Monaco. Four players, including

Hoddle, were booked. Fellow England exile Ray Wilkins also finished on the winning side, but his new club Paris Saint-Germain failed to impress in their 2-0 home victory over Le Havre, the oldest club in the league.

before the interval and second half substitute Marquet supplied a second goal a minute from the end to secure both points. Dominique Rocheteau, one of several internationals released by score when World Cup full-back, PSG in the brief close-season, Manuel Amoros set off on a run scored for his new club Toulouse and sent in a shot which Marseille in their 3-1 win over newly-prom-

ward Norberto Marcico and French international Geraid Passi added the two others, all the goals coming in the last 20 mi-

New signing Frankie Ver-cauteren of Belgium and Maurice Johnston of Scotland failed to save Nantes from a 3-0 defeat at Lille, while Robert Herbin, returning to Saint-Etienne, the club he led in their great years in the 1970s, had to watch his side absorb the biggest beating of the

form that brought them the day - a 40 thrashing at Laval. tenham Hotspur, soon began to America's Cup syndicate derides New Zealand challenge

PSG, anxious to recapture the

SAN DIEGO (R) — The surpris-ing America's Cup challenge by a New Zealand Yacht Club is ridiculous and will not affect U.S. plans for defending the cup in 1991, according to the head of the syndicate that supported the

victorious Stars and Stripes. "I'm not going to pay any attention to it," said Malin Burnham, president of the Sail America Syndicate. "Calling it a publicity stunt is being kind." New Zealand investment bank-

he had picked up and dropped an er Michael Fay, who was the money man behind the Kiwi. "I think that I got too upset Magic Syndicate that competed in with the umpire and that it cost the America's Cup in Australia, me in the end," Antonitsch extendered a formal challenge to plained. "I know that I will have San Diego Yacht Club Commodto work on my temper if I want to ore Dr. Frederick Frye on Friday on behalf of the Mercury Bay get higher in the rankings." He is ranked number 118 compared to Boating Club near Auckland. number 32 for Kriek, a former Fay's challenge, under an inter-

pretation of America's Cup rules that is rejected as obsolete by Burnham and another Sail America trustees because of amendments to it, calls for a three-boat match racing series in J class sloops next June.

The key element is that the winner of two of three races off San Diego on June 1, E and 7 next year would gain control of the coveted trophy and be its custodian until the next America's Cup. It accepted, it would represent a radical break with the way the America's Cup has been run for the past 30 years, both in

format and in type of boats. J class yachts were last used in the America's Cup in 1937 and are double the size of the 12 metre boats that have been used in the competition since 1958. "On the surface, the Fay propthe America's Cup has taken for the past three decades," Burnham said. "From what I ascertain, it is

totally counter to the present spirit of the event. I can't even understand what he (Fay) is trying to accomplish here. Maybe he's running a fever."

Burnham was the financial and organisational genius behind the syndicate that backed Dennis Conner's winning effort, under the banner of the San Diego Yacht Club, over Australian de- 🤌 fender Kookaburra III in the Indian Ocean off Fremantle last

February. Under a formal agreement beween Sail America and the San Diego Yacht Club, Sail America is given the responsibility to conduct the next defence.

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Lee knocks out Collins

pounds).

out last January.

to retain IBF title SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — straights to the jaw throughout the: Lee Seung-Hoon of South Korea fight, except during the opening knocked out Philippine challenger Leon Collins in the fifth round of a scheduled 15-round title bout Sunday and retained his International Boxing Federation (IBF) junior featherweight cham-

Lee floored Collins with a flurry of lefts and rights to his body and jaw. The knockout officially came at one minute and 23 seconds into the fifth round at gymnasium in Pohang, southeast

The 27-year-old champ punished the challenger with left

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Top-seeded Mats Wilander came from

behind in both sets and beat

fellow Swede Joakim Nystrom, his partner in doubles, 6-4, 7-5 in the semifinals of the U.S. Clay

Number 3-seed Kent Carlsson,

also of Sweden, easily ousted

number 10 Guillermo Perez-Rol-

dan of Argentina 6-2, 6-2 in the:

second semifinal Saturday, set-

ting up a rematch Sunday for the

championship of the \$375,000

tournament at the Indianapolis

I'll see in the match if I have to

change anything," said Carlsson, who lost to Wilander 7-6, 6-1 in

to work very hard," said Carl-

sson. "It was difficult at the be-

ginning. Then after a while he started to miss more.

week. I was moving much better

and feeling more confident. But I still think I don't have a feel for

Perez-Roldan, who fell behind

"I am happy because this

5-1 in both sets, said playing

Carisson has a good experience

tournament is very, very impor-

tant. When I arrived here, I

didn't think I'd go to the semifin-

tween Carlsson and Perez-Rol-

dan. The first semifinal marked

Wilander's 12th career victory

without a loss against the number

5-seed Nystrom, his close friend

since childhood. Like many of the

The match was the first be-

the ball that well.'

for him.

als," he said.

"It was my best match this'

tourney at Boston last week.

them," he said.

"I'm going to try to play my

Court Tennis Tournament.

Wilander, Carlsson clash in final for 2nd straight week

"We're like brothers," said Wilander, seeking his fifth tourney title this year and the 26th of his career. "It's always hard to play someone you know, but in

Wilander jumped ahead 2-0 in the first set. But Nystrom broke serve twice and took the next four the momentum. Nystrom also led 4-3 in the second set and it was tied 5-5 before Wilander broke

the title match of the U.S. pro "To play Mats, you have to work very hard. I'm just going to try to play deep. Then when he hits short balls, I have to get to the ball. It sounds easy, but when I get the chances I have to take

Carlsson, ranked 11th in the world, had no trouble with the ing longer and deeper." 17-vear-old Perez-Roldan, only 43rd in the latest computer rank-"Every tournament, you have

this case, we're a lot closer than

was leading, I was just playing without really thinking. When he's leading, I concentrate a little

serve and held for the victory.

'I started out well, but I sort of knew that was how the match was going to be," said Wilander, who now has won 38 matches without a loss this year when he has won the first set. "Maybe I lost some concentration because I was playing so well. Then he started play-

But I think psychologically, he feels when the important mo-

previous 11 matches, it was close. going to beat me."

The two friends, seeded number 2 here in doubles, went on Saturday evening to win their semifinal doubles match, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2, over unseeded Diego Perez of Uruguay and Todd Hitsken of Carmel, Indiana. They were scheduled to play third-seeded Laurie Warder of Australia and Blaine Willenborg of Miami Shores, Florida, in Sunday's

Wilander, ranked number 2 in the world, has a chance to move up to number 1 by the end of the year if he continues playing the way he is now, Nystrom said.
"I played extremely well in the four games (after Wilander's 2-0

lead in the first set)," Nystrom said. "Mats lost concentration after it was 2-love."

"If he plays extremely well, I know he is tough to beat. Even though I lost, I think I played

in each of their previous three meetings, hasn't given up hope of "Of course I'm going to beat him. I know I will. Maybe in the

Nystrom, who has won one set someday beating his friend.

pair wins swimming event -

Canadian

TOKYO (AP) - Carolyn Waldo and Michelle Cameron captured the duet synchronised swimming competition Sunday, resulting in a Canadian sweep of all three events in the 8th Pan Pacific Synchronised Swimming Cham-

pionships. The Canadian pair collected 98.600 points in the routine and 92.112 in the figure competition

for a 190.712 total. The Japanese duo of Mikako Kotani and Miyako Tanaka came in second with 182.969 points. followed by American Patti Lynn and Heather Simmons with 181.188 points.

The competition was held before 8,700 spectators at the Yoyogi National Swimming Pool, the site of the Tokyo Olympics in 1964.

Mexicans Lourdes Candini and Susana Candini were in fourth place with 173.829 points.

over-35 tournaments, but I know ments come, I'm going to win the points. For him, he feels he's not 'Pm going to beat him."

Malaysian retains Asian body building title KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — Abdul Malek Mohammad Noor of Malaysia retained his title as Mr. Asia for the third consecutive year at the 23rd Asian Body Building Cham-

Iraqi Abbas Jabbar placed

pics will be warned against using

certain brands of birth control

pills which produce signs of ster-

oids in urine tests, the games'

Dr. Bruce Challis said oral

chief medical officer said.

Bahrain came in third in the Saturday night competition, the agency reported from Malacca, 120 kilometres south of Kuala

pionships in Malacca, the national news agency Bernama reported ory, India's Prem Chand retained

his title, followed by Ahmad Abbas of Iraq and Chan Wing second, while Hassan Saleh Ali of Chung of Hong Kong, it said.

Filipino Sammy Ayochok won the middleweight title, with Imad Jasim Mahmond of Iraq in second place and Kang Kyung-Soon of South Korea in third.

In the welterweight category, Singapore's Fatholomein Ali be qi Mahmoud Ahmad Zaidan and

came champion, followed by Ira-Lee Hyun-Moon of South Korea.

Olympians warned about use of birth control pill contraceptives containing nor-CALGARY (R) — Women competing at the 1983 Winter Olym-

phisterone break down in the body and produce urine test results indistinguishable from those produced by banned steroids.

'You can't tell them apart," he said on Thursday. "She (an athlete) could test positive when

she wasn't really taking anabolic steroids."

The global alert is needed so athletes testing positive can not use the pill as an excuse, he said. Quite a few brands of birth control pills contain norphister-

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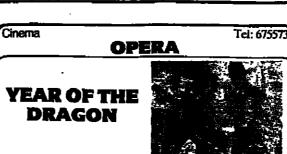
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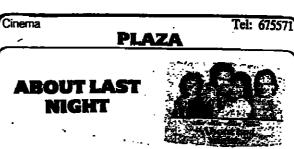
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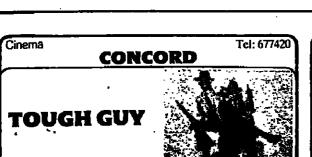
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Weekly Financial Report

AMMAN -Last week the U.S. dollar moved higher but was still trading within a narrow range. The main reason behind this upward direction was the uncertain and unclear decisions taken in the Venice summit between the leaders of the seven industrial nations

The dollar traded between 0.342-0.348 fils on the Jordanian dinar. Local banks were covering their short dollar position because of fear that the dollar could resume its upward direction this week.

Charts indicate that the dollar could move a little higher this week due to willingness to buy the dollar on higher levels from major U.S. banks. The expected range for this week could be 0.345-0.351 fils.

The pound sterling traded much lower against the dollar because of the dollar's strength. The pound traded between 0.5525-0.5570 fils.

The D.M. and S.F. also traded lower because of the higher dollar. The D.M. traded between 0.1850-0.187 fils. The

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Swiss franc traded between 0.2150-0.220 fils and the Austrian shilling between 0.211-The Lebanese lira moved to

record low reflecting the bad economic situation in Lebanon. It traded between (555-470)

The Kuwaiti dinar traded between 1.200-1.210 on the JD, the Egyptian pound between 0.140-0.150 fils and the Iraqi dinar between 0.250-0.260 fils.

Metals traded higher at the beginning of the week but the strength of the dollar pushed them lower towards their sup-port levels. Gold fell from \$454 an ounce to \$447 an ounce and silver fell from \$7.85 to \$7.40 an ounce.

Charts indicate that the metals have to test lower levels such as \$410 on gold before moving once again higher. Gold price in Amman based

upon the daily bulletin pre-sented by the Jordan Jewellery Store are as follows:-Gold 21 carats per gramme

JD 4.10-JD4.00 Gold 18 carats per gramme JD

Cyprus Airways orders two more airbus A320 TOULOUSE, France (R) — Cyprus Airways has increased its firm orders for the new Airbus A320 short-haul passenger jet from six to eight by converting its two outstanding options, the European Airbus consortium has said.

The airline was a launch customer for the twin-engined 160seater A320, which made its first flight in February.

Cyprus Airways, which already operates three wide-bodied A310 Airbus jets, will use the A320s on its existing European routes and on new non-stop services to Vienna, Rome, Amsterdam, Nice and

oroscope from the Carroll Righter Institute

FORECAST FOR MONDAY, JULY 20, 1987

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Start out the day by attending to whatever practical endeavors you have left hanging. Progressive attitudes will yield favorable

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Be with your contemporaries and have some fun. Get in touch with those you have not seen for a while.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Handle your personal interests now. Take the time to improve home conditions. Enjoy a light social affair.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) See advisers to get good suggestions which you can start using right away. Take

no risks while out driving.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Go after a
personal wish and gain it. After a chat with friends, take some time to be alone with your mate. LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) The morning is fine for

pushing career matters. You can easily gain your personal wishes by using different methods VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Be alert to some

fascinating opportunity for advancement. Discuss your ideas with an expert now.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Keep the promises you have made. Get into t in the days ahead.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You can come to an agreement with one who has been difficult in the past. Iron out the details with this person. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Get a good start

today by handling important affairs wisely. Be more supportive of a co-worker. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Make plans for

amusements in the near future. Be happy with your mate in the evening.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Handling home affairs precisely can have satisfactory results. Later get

together with a good friend.
PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Get reports and statements handled wisely. Invite guests into your home

for a few good laughs.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY ... he or she, will be very practical and physically strong. Upon reaching adulthood your progeny will become more interested in idealistic matters. Combined with the innate practical skills, much success is possible. Your son, or daughter,

will need family support.

THE Daily Crossword by Fran Ragula

ATT posts strong gain in earnings

NEW YORK (R) - American Telephone Telegraph has said that gains in its long-distance telephone business sent secondquarter profits surging 40 per cent to \$596 million, a roord level since the court-ordered breakup of the company in 1984.

The improved earnings came despite a decline in revenue, which fell \$8.40 billion from \$8.42 billion the second quarter of

"These results show that our long-distance business remains strong and reflect the early-stage benefits of ongoing cost-reduc-tion efforts as well as productivity and efficiency improvements," ATT Chairman James Oslon said in a statement.

The gain, equal to 55 cents a share, compares with \$422 million in the same period last year and tops by five cents a share Wall Street analysts' most optimistic forecasts.

ATT said its 1986 second-quarter net income of 37 cents would have been 13 cents a share higher had there not been a 26-day strike by workers in its large union in

In addition, net income in the 1987 second-quarter was boosted by three cents a share due to an adjustment in access charge set-tlements, which left ATT with \$50 million more than it usually receives. Access charges are the fees ATT pays to local telephone companies in order to use their local telephone lines.

When these one-time events are taken into account, analysts said ATT really earned 52 cents this quarter compared with 50 cents last year, a modest rise of two

The company, which until 1984 had a virtual monopoly on the U.S. telephone industry, announced in December a huge cost-cutting programme designed to counter its generally dismal performance since the spinning off of its seven regional telephone

Its first-quarter profits rose 26 per cent to \$445 million the prog-ramme, which called for the elimination of 32,000 jobs through next year, took effect.

Although he did not make specific forecast, Mr. Olson said ATT's earnings for 1987 should be better than the company anti-

Inflation rate hits record high in New Zealand

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) — New Zealand's annual inflation rate has reached a record 18.9 per cent, the Labour government has announced as it prepared for next month's national election after three years in

The department of statistics said inflation rose by 3.3 per cent in the quarter that ended June 30 because of higher interest rates that led to rising housing costs and food and utility prices.

Czechoslovakia publishes draft on economic reform

PRAGUE (AP) — Czechoslova-kia has published the draft of a new law on state-owned enterprises that emulates recent Soviet reforms by proposing a shift toward self-management and selffinancing.

It also stipulates that directors of enterprises will in future be elected in secret ballots by a workers council, but does not go as far as recent Soviet measures in this respect.

In Czechoslovakia, factory floor work teams will not share the new rights of their Soviet counterparts to initiate the choice of their manager. Czech mana-gers will be elected for five years and will appoint his own deputies, according to the draft law published by the official news agency CTK.

The state or local government retain the right to nominate candidates for the post of director and should select from people "who have high political and moral preconditions and expertise for this function," CTK said.

The draft, originally promised for mid-June, will be the subject of nationwide discussion before being passed by parliament in November. CTK said it would begin taking effect at the latest on Jan. 1, 1989 and be in full operation by early 1991.

The new law sets down a shift to self-financing, meaning that many factories will lose their state subsidies and will not be able to draw on state funds to cover

Like recent Soviet measures, the draft aims to decentralise the economy by allowing firms to reach deals directly with other enterprises, rather than submitfrom above, or operating on directives from national minis-

It did not make clear, however, how these new contracts will ensure removal of current production hiccups caused by some firms backsliding on contracts to make timely deliveries to manufac-

As the in the Soviet Union, the success of the Czechoslovak reforms will depend on other related factors such as prices.

The restructuring of prices ori-ginally was planned for 1988, but has now been postponed until 1989. In the absence of an open market that determines prices, price-fixing mechanisms can de-termine whether a factory operates at a profit or a loss.

As published by CTK, the draft did not mention what share of profit must be passed to central authorities once the new law At present. Czechoslovak firms

must in general give 75 per cent of any profit to the state, rather than plowing it back into production, awarding workers pay rises or bonuses or investing else-The law states that enterprises

must carry out continuous technical modernisation, which may alleviate managers' complaints that they are forced to operate with outdated equipment.

The self-financing mechanism should curb uncontrolled investment, which in the past sometimes meant, for example, that expensive new machinery would lie around an unfinished produc-

The law said profits left for the factory need not be spent in the same year and will not, as previously, be reclaimed by the state ting each contract to approval if they are not used immediately. The law did not make clear what role trade unions will play in

management in the future.

Major airlines launch new travel systems

BRUSSELS (Agencies) - Three of the world's leading airlines, British Airways, KLM Royal Dutch Airlines and Swissair, have joined with Covia, a subsidiary of United Airlines, to announce their plans to lead the travel industry into the 21st century.

The four partners are launching a venture to provide the next generation of computer information and reservations systems for the travel industry. At least 75 million European travel arrangements will be made each year through the new system by 1990.

At a meeting of the presidents of the Association of European Airlines in Brussels, chief executives of the partners offered other airlines the opportunity to join the new venture.

The partners are investing apportimately \$120 million in this new business and supporting its launch with some of their best management and staff, taking advantage of their proven technological expertise. Within twelve months, the venture will employ 370 staff. The name and the location will be announced when the final partnership is established.

The founding partners are recognised as worldwide leaders in this field and in developing and operating IBM systems. They are pooling their existing distribution software and communications technology. The new venture will draw on the strengths of the existing systems — Travicom and British Airway's BABS, KLM's Corda, Swissair's Traviswiss and Covia's Appollo.

The venture will also maximise the benefits of the recently announced new generation of personal computers - such as the IBM P.S./2 intelligent workstation. This combination will open a whole new range of user-friendly

services for travel agents. This will include neutral displays, integrated reservations and accounting systems, enhanced management information and access to comprehensive international travel services, such as fares, hotels, car hire and rail. The first product will be available in early 1988. Later that year

the partners' systems will be fully linked allowing travel agents systems to retrieve automatically the best information, by mid 1989, the introduction of a newly-designed IBM based central core system will further improve the cost-effectiveness of the whole

Tunisia turns to tourism, farming in new 5-year plan

TUNIS (R) — Tunisia, grappling with an economic crisis, is turning increasingly to tourism, phosphates and agriculture to fuel an export drive called for in its new five-year plan.

The 1987-1991 plan predicts that this North African country, whose economy has until now been built around crude oil exports, will become a net oil importer in 1991.

It is this stark prospect which is forcing President Habib Bourguiba's government to turn urgently to fresh economic pas-

Tunisia was compelled last year to submit for the first time to International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank programmes to attract loans to stave off acute balance of payments prob-

Agriculture, which declined as Tunisia's relatively modest oil health was exploited in the 1970s. still employs about one in three Tunisians and this is now predicted to be a key growth sector. The newly-released draft

seventh economic plan, which President Bourguiba has approved and which is due to be passed into law by parliament. foresees, a six per cent upturn for the sector over the next five

It forecasts vigorous export growth, averaging 5.3 per cent a

Of this, revenue from tourism, which was down last year compared with 1985, is forecast to grow by 7.5 per cent a year in real terms.

Tourism has become all the more important because of declining oil exports, which are expected to lead to a net oil deficit of some 50 million dinars (\$60 million) in 1991.

As oil exports drop, Tunsia must still import for its domestic needs crudes of a quality it does not produce and tourism replaced crude oil as Tunisia's biggest foreign exchange earner last year, despite the downturn in the

Under the plan, the sector of phosphates and derivatives is to increase by 7.1 per cent a year over the next five years, textiles by 7.4 per cent, and mechanical and electrical products by 11.3

per cent. One of the key elements of the new plan is a programme relaxing tight restrictions on imports and prices, which the World Bank has made a condition of its 1986 loan.

By 1991 import restrictions are to be abolished for all but some luxury goods and customs dues slashed to between 15 and 25 per the plan.

petition.

The programme is also designed to ensure imports of raw materials and semi-finished products essential for exports.

The predicted growth of agriculture is expected to help generate four per cent average annual growth in gross domestic product (GDP) during the plan, compared with 2.9 per cent in the past five years. Recession took hold last year and GDP growth was minus one per cent.

The balance of payment deficit, which represented 7.8 per cent of gross national product (GNP) last year, is forecast to shrink to three per cent of GNP by the end of the coming plan.

Total foreign debt is predicted to reach 6.632 billion dinars (\$7.8 billion) by 1991, or 56.4 per cent of GNP, compared to 58.7 per cent last year.

The government acknowledges that unemployment is one of the stiffest challenges it faces in the

coming years.

With the official jobless rate at 13.8 per cent at present, the labour market will be further depressed by an estimated additional 346,000 job seekers between now and 1991, only 70 per cent of whom are forecast to be able to find employment under

Soviet industry meets target

MOSCOW (R) — Soviet industrial output was on target and plans for fuel extraction were met but supplies of food and consumer goods were still inadequate in the first six months of this year, the Central Statistics Board said Sunday.
Industrial output rose by 14 bil-

lion roubles (\$21 billion) or 3.5 per cent as planned in the first half of the year and by 4.4 per cent in the second quarter, the board said.

It attributed the growth to improved labour productivity, a key element in Kremlin leader Mr. Mikhail Gorbachev's programme to make the economy more efficient that also includes introducing new technology and decentralising management. Oil production from January to

important hard-currency earner

for the Soviet Union, was also healthy, reaching 359 billion cubic metres, 6.7 billion more than planned and six per cent more than in the first half of 1986. But the board said meat supplies were still problematic, though 5.9 million tonnes were

produced, seven per cent more than planned, and the plan for fruit and vegetable production was underfulfilled by seven per Public demand for high-quality manufactured goods was also not

properly satisfied. The state had, however, invested 16.5 billion roubles (\$25.7 champagne production rose by 14 billion) in industrial modernisa- per cent.

3.7 million tonnes more than the tion, 10 per cent more than in the plan target and two per cent more first six months of last year, and than in the same period last year. injected a further 20 billion rou-Production of gas, like oil an bles (\$31 billion) into agriculture.

> A separate report from TASS news agency said independent quality control inspections, now affecting some 1.500 factories accounting for more than 20 per cent of industrial output, would be extended to a further 727 enterprises on Jan. 1, 1988.

The range of products controlled in this way would extend from heavy engineering goods and petro-chemicals to food and building materials.

The board's report said January to June production of vodka was down by nine per cent and beer by three per cent although

Taipei lifts ban on pleasure trips TAIPEI (R) - Taiwan, in the foreign currencies.

the communists.

latest of a series of liberalisation moves, last week lifted an eight-year ban on tourists travelling directly to Hong Kong and Macao.

June reached 309 million tonnes,

The ban was mainly imposed to deter Taiwanese from visiting mainland China via the two terri-tories. Taipei forbids visits to the communist mainland, with which it is still technically at war.

A statement by Premier Yu Kuo-Hua said the ban, which forced tourists to fly to another country before Hong Kong and Macao, was imposed to limit speculation there by Taiwanese in

Taipei earlier lifted foreign ex- 1997. change controls and ended mar tial law, in force since the nationalists retreated to Taiwan

in 1949 after losing a civil war to

The lifting of the travel ban is a further government liberalisa-tion move," Mr. Yu said. Taiwanese discovered to have gone to China are banned from

travelling abroad again for three Business sources said the re-

ish colony reverts to China in

Despite the ban, travel to Hong Kong and Macao has surged in the past eight years, a tourism bureau spokesman told Reuters. The number rose to 220,469 in 1986 from 176,617 in

Hong Kong is Taiwan's third largest trading partner after the United States and Japan. Twoway trade rose to \$2.22 billion in the first half of 1987 against 1.47 moval of the travel ban would billion a year ago, official figures reinforce links between Taiwan show. Businessmen had been exand Hong Kong before the Brit- empt from the direct travel ban.

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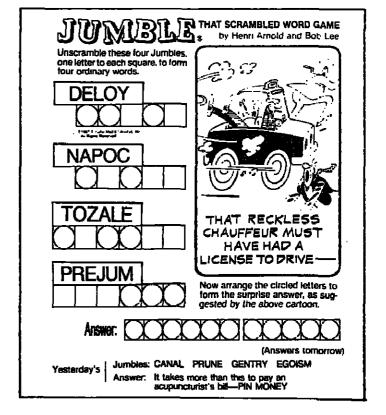


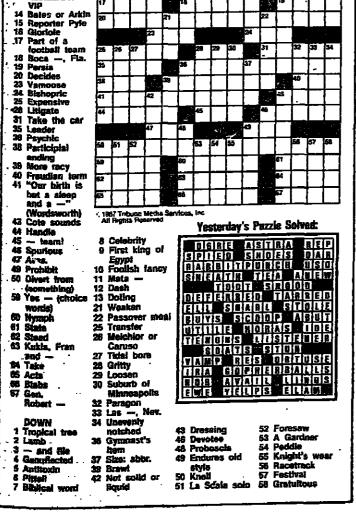






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Thatcher to convey U.S. 'concern' over arms talks to Gorbachev

LONDON (Agencies) — British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher said Sunday she would be telling Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev there was concern in the United States that he was dragging his feet on arms control negotiations.

Royal Air Force plane taking her home from a visit to Washington. where she met President Reagan. and to Jamaica. Mrs. Thatcher said she hoped an agreement

could be signed this year. Of course we will be in touch with Mr. Gorbachev, because one of the frequent questions we have been asked is whether the Soviet Union is dragging its feet on arms control negotiations.

"I don't think so, but I think that message should be sent to Mr. Gorbachev so that the negotiations, if he wants an agreement, and I think he does, can perhaps get down to details, and completed, I hope, by the end of

Mrs. Thatcher said negotiations between the two superpowdetails right.

Speaking to newsmen aboard a ers on an agreement to ban medium-range nuclear missiles from Europe, and possibly from the whole world, had reached

their most difficult stage. "No-one is going to give away anything that they think is against

their interests," she said. Mrs. Thatcher's assessment of the prospects for an arms agreement is more optimistic than that of some U.S. officials who are concerned over a recent slowdown in progress in the negotiations between the two sides in

During her brief trip to Washington, Mrs. Thatcher said Moscow might be engaging in a little brinkmanship, but believed the main reason for the delay was

She dismissed suggestions. widely expressed in the U.S. media, that the Kremlin was stalling deliberately in the hope of winning more concessions from a weakened U.S. president.

"I'm sure he won't be weakened when it comes to negotiating for the great United States of America with the Soviet Union because the fact is America is the leader of the free world," Mrs. Thatcher told a television inter-

"She's a strong country and I'm sure when it comes to negotiate there'll be no weakening at all."

Mrs. Thatcher, who established a good working relationship with Mr. Gorbachev during a visit to the Soviet Union earlier this year, said she had no immediate plans to see the Kremlin leader personally but added they were in regular contact through diplomatic channels.

"The kind of tour I did to the Soviet Union is one that one can't repeat too often," she said.

Marcos threatens Manila with \$15b counter suit

dent Ferdinand Marcos Bay, and holding him between threatened on Sunday to sue the Philippines government for \$15 billion over charges that he stole a fortune from the country during his 20-year rule.

In a telex from exile in Hawaii to his publicists in Manila, Marcos said President Corazon Aquino's government was seeking to convict him on corruption charges by publicity and not by public trial

He said a proposal to restrict him to a beach resort during any trial in the Philippines amounted to cruelty and denied him equal protection of the law.

'I can smell the repugnant propaganda ploy and the conspiracy of conviction by publicity," Mr. Marcos said of the idea to keep him at the Mariveles resort near Manila.

The Presidential Commission on Good Government (PCGG) last week filed two civil suits in Manila accusing Marcos, his family and business associates of amassing \$10 billion during his presidency. It also plans to file

Commission Chairman Ramon Diaz on Saturday suggested trying Marcos at Corregidor, an nected wi island popularly called "The cos back.

MANILA (R) - Ousted Presi- Rock" at the mouth of Manila

sessions at Mariveles. The fortress island is honeycombed with tunnels, one of which was used by General Douglas MacArthur as his headquarters during the World War

II. It is now a tourist attraction. Officials say Mariveles is one of Marcos' many properties. It was seized by the government after Marcos was deposed by Mrs. Aquino in a civilian-backed military revolt last year.

Marcos' lawyer Rafael Recto said the former president would rely on his constitutional rights to return home to file the \$15 billion retaliatory suit and defend him-

"He has not been convicted of any crime. Why keep him in Mariveles. Such a move is cruel and unjust," Recto said.

Recto earlier told Reuters he saw Marcos as a dragon with its head in Hawaii and its tail in the Philippines. "Whenever the tail moves, the Aquino government shakes.'

that a coup plot uncovered a week ago appeared to be connected with a plan to bring Mar-

Chinese ideologue warns Japan

PEKING (R) - A member of China's ruling politburo accused Japan on Sunday of bostility towards Peking and warned Tokyo that it would pay a heavy price if it rejected China's overtures for

good relations. The official Peking Review printed a long article by Hu Qiaomu, a top ideologue, in one of the strongest attacks on Japan this year, 50th anniversary of Japan's all-out attempt to con-

quer China. Mr. Hu said that on a number of major issues, "the Japanese authorities have only been paying lip service" to a 1978 treaty of peace and friendship and a joint declaration which set up diplomatic relations between the two

countries in 1972. "The development of friendly relations between the peoples of China and Japan has been repe-

atedly hampered by Japanese rul-

Hu said. If Japan gives China the cold shoulder, China will not accept it quietly, Mr. Hu said. "It is Japan that will suffer in the end."

ing circles hostile to China," Mr.

Mr. Hu cited as examples of Japanese unfriendliness revision of textbooks which water down its aggression during World War II and visits by cabinet members to a shrine in Tokyo remembering the war dead, including war

He also criticised the awarding by a court in Osaka to Taiwan of student dormitory in Kyoto of which Peking says it is the rightful owner and Japan's in-

creasing its defence budget. Relations between the two giant Asian neighbours have worsened sharply this year fol-lowing the dormitory decision in

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BY CRARLES GOREN

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At a time of turmoil in Europe, one country's nutional airline exhorted us to think twice about taking a vacation there. Many people must have taken them up on that, because tourism dropped. Perhaps they should have thought careful-

ly about that slogan. You should always think carefully, and often twice, before adopt-ing a line of play at the bridge table. Consider this hand where,

Both vulnerable with 60 on score. with both sides vulnerable and having a partscore, South becomes declarer at three spades and West leads what is to everyone (except perhaps his partner) an obvious singleton. Declarer captures East's king with the ace and, obsessed about guarding against a club ruff. bangs out the ace of spades and another. West wins and leads a low jack of clubs return is covered by the queen, but the defenders still have two red aces and a club to

take for down one. To appreciate the folly of South's ways, let's consider what would transpire if East did indeed hold king and one spade and de-clarer adopted the same line. East would win the spade and lead the jack of clubs to set up a club trick for himself. He would regain the lead in whichever red suit he held the entry, and the defenders would come to one trump trick, two

hearts, a diamond and a club. In other words, declarer cannot make his contract unless the spade finesse is going to succeed! The right play at trick two, therefore, is rather plebian: Run the queen of spades. When that succeeds declarer is sure of at least six spade tricks, two club tricks and one

8 civilians reportedly killed in contra raid

MANAGUA (Agencies) — U.S.-backed contra rebels killed eight civilians including a woman and a child on Saturday in a raid on a farming cooperative, the Nicaraguan Defence Ministry

The Rafael Martinez cooperative is about 150 kilometres northeast of Managua, and 60 kilometres from Matagalpa, the site of celebrations due to be held on Sunday of the Sandinista government's eight years in power. Sandinista officials have said

Matagalpa, in a region of nearconstant contra attacks, was chosen as a symbol of the toll the war is taking. The ministry said the contras

were eventually repelled by mili-

tia forces defending the coopera-The government has adopted strict security measures for the elebrations including numerous army patrols along the highway leading from Managua to Matagalpa and helicopter surveillance

of nearby hills. Earlier this week, the Defence Ministry said 27 contras were killed in attacks on three towns in a surge of fighting in the embat-tled north of Nicaragua.

Madrid meeting planned

Representatives of the seven legal Nicaraguan opposition parties plan a four-day seminar in Madrid next week to work toward forging democratic alternative in the Central American na-

'Senators checked medical records' of

NEW YORK (Agencies) -Members of two Senate committees monitored the condition of the late Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) Director William Casey to make sure he was dying of cancer, U.S. News and World

Report said Sunday.

Quoting congressional sources, the newsmagazine said the senators feared a deception and wanted to be able to assure the public that Mr. Casey, a central figure in the Iran-contra affair, was actually dying of natural

The magazine's July 27 issue quoted two highly placed con-gressional sources, whom it did not identify by name, as saying that members of the Senate Intelligence Committee and another Senate committee reviewed Mr. Casey's blood tests and other evidence of declining health. The magazine did not name the second committee.

Some intelligence committee members also obtained autopsy information because they wanted to be able to assure the public that Mr. Casey actually did die of natural causes following the brain seizures that prevented him from testifying about the Iran-Contra

Mr. Casey was stricken in De-cember on the day before he was to have testified on the matter before the intelligence com-

Senator Sam Nunn, an opposi-tion Democrat and a member of both the intelligence committee and the Senate Iran-contra investigating committee, refused com-

ment on the magazine's report.
"I'm not confirming or denying
it," he said in a telephone inter-

magazine quoted Sen. David Boren, an opposition Democrat, as denying that the intelligence committee, which he chairs, undertook to monitor Mr. Casey's health, but he said he did not know if any individual Senators may have done so. Boren is also on the Iran-contra com-

Mr. Casey underwent surgery Dec., 18 for removal of a malignant brain tumour. He never recovered, and died May 6 of what the hospital said were complications of central nervous sys-

tem lymphoma. Since his death, testimony and docurrents have revealed that he wa a key figure in the administration's private efforts to supply the Nicaraguan contra rebels during a congressional ban on U.S. military aid. He would have been a major witness in the public hearings by congressional committees

investigating the affair. Lieutenant-Colonel Oliver North, the fired National Security Council aide, said he consulted closely with Mr. Casey on the diversion of profits from secret U.S. arms sales to Iran to the contras and on the contra supply

S. Korea launches massive relief work after typhoon

SEOUL (AP) — More than 167,000 government personnel, villagers and military reservists were at work Sunday repairing roads, buildings and other facilities damaged by typhoon Thel-

ma, officials said.

The Home Ministry said the death toll from the typhoon that hit the southern tip of the Korean Peninsula Thursday had reached 111 on Sunday, with 257 others still missing and feared dead. Many of the missing are sea-

men and fishermen whose boats were sunk by the storm. Officials said there was little hope of finding survivors alive after four days

Ships were still searching for survivors in some areas along the southern coast, but searches had been called off in other areas or were being wound down, officials

Officials at the national counter-disaster centre in Seoul, which reported the massive clean up effort, said the repair crews were assisted by hundreds of heavy-duty trucks and other construction equipment.

The officials said emergency stop-gap repair work was about 90 per cent complete, but much long-term work had to be done before life could return to normal. South Kyongsang and South. Cholla provinces along the south-ern coast were hardest hit by the typhoon.

Roads were blocked in scores of places by landslides and toppled trees, and hundreds of building were destroyed or damaged. The storm caused enormous damage with its 160-kilometre per hour winds and torrential rains that triggered landslides and

widespread flooding.

More than 20,000 people in 4.600 families lost their homes, and many were still living in emergency shelters set up in schools and government buildings, the officials said.

They said 6,510 homes and other buildings had been des-troyed or damaged by the storm.

Deputy Prime Minister Chung In-Yong and four other cabinet ministers were scheduled to hold a news conference Monday to announce the government's relief aid and other programmes to repair the damage caused by the typhoon, officially estimated at

\$193 million. The officials at the counterdisaster centre said 180 of the dead or missing were seamen or fishermen and that a total of 3,385 ships and fishing boats were destroyed or damaged by the

typhoon. Most of the ships were wrecked on beaches where they had been pulled out of water to try to escape the storm, they said.

Emergency relief officials have complained that there was not sufficient warning of the typhoon and emergency services were caught unprepared.

The state-run TV network KBS and some local newspapers have charged the state weather service failed to correctly predict the course of the typhoon by saying it would pass offshore. Instead, the typhoon battered the southern

part of the peninsula.
About 100 angry farmers blocked a road with vehicles Saturday near the southern town of Samchong demanding full compensation for homes and

Gandhi expels leading critic from party

from the Congress (I) Party on months of press and opposition Sunday, Indian news agencies allegations of financial wrong-

dying Casey V.P. Singh, a respected former minister campaigning for a clean-up of the political establishment, is the eighth prominent political figure who has been expelled by Mr. Gandhi or resigned since Wednesday.

The agency quoted Congress General Secretary G.K. Moopa-nar as saying Mr. Singh had been dismissed for "anti-party activi-

Mr. Singh, the best-known Congress rebel and the focus of anti-Gandhi sentiment in the party, was forced to resign as defence minister in April after ordering an inquiry into alleged payoffs on a submarine deal with West German firm.

He offered to resign on Thursday from the party and the Rajya Sabha (Upper House of Parliament) after Mr. Gandhi expelled three other leading Congress dissidents, all former ministers, including his cousin Arun Nehru. Mr. Gandhi refused Mr. Singh's resignation, saying the ex-minister had tried to impose

conditions for his departure.

The expulsion 48 hours later followed Saturday night's resignation of Arun Singh, a junior defence minister and Gandhi con-

Arun Singh was the third prominent politician to resign from the cabinet or parliament

Mr. Gandhi's childhood friend

Bangladesh opposition unites against Ershad

DHAKA (R) - Bangladesh's opposition appealed to the country on Sunday to stage its second general strike in two weeks to oust President Hossain Mohammad Ershad.

The appeal for a 54-hour stoppage was issued by opposition arch-rivals who buried their differences to oust what they termed "military dictatorship." "If he still sticks to power, the

magnitude of our campaign will take a serious turn, the like of which was never seen in this country before," the Awami League opposition group said. It gave no further details.

Three groupings of 20 parties issued statements calling for the from Wednesday morning. It is timed to end before the overwhelmingly Muslim country

holds Friday prayers. \$40 million painting heading for Japan

LONDON (AP) - A painting of sunflowers by Vincent van Gogh, sold in London in March for a world record £24.75 million (\$39.85 million), was being flown to Tokyo on Sunday, auctioneers Christie's said.

"It is being flown from Eng-land on Sunday morning and it should get to the headquarters of the Yasuda Fire and Marine Insurance Co. in the Shinjuku-Ku district of Tokyo at around 6 p.m. Tokyo time," Christie's spokes-man William Hanham told the Associated Press.

But Yoshiro Kori, a Yasuda official. told the Associated Press in Tokyo Sunday that the painting was not due to arrive in Japan until Monday "if everything goes as scheduled." He refused to give any other details for security

Hanham said the picture was handed over this weekend to a Yasuda Co. board director and was going to Tokyo with an escort of three people. Their identities and the flight details were not disclosed for security reasons, Hanham added.

The brilliant yellow painting of 15 flowers in a vase, titled "Sunflowers," will form the centrepiece of the Yasuda Museum, the Japanese company's collection of some 400 Western and Japanese works of art.

After the Yasuda Co. was identified in April as the buyer, British press reports said the company - Japan's second largest insurance firm — was privately rebuked by Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone for spending so much money on the picture. The reports said Mr. Nakasone felt the purchase might damage Japan's image abroad.

Since the March 30 auction, the Van Gogh was held by government order in a high security warehouse at Christie's in London under the customary sixmonths delay period to give British buyers a chance to raise funds crops damaged by the storm. Ito keep it in this country.

NEW DELHI (Agencies) — and India's highest-paid movie star Amitabh Bachchan resigned from parliament on Friday after Another cabinet member,

Tourism Minister Mufti Mohammad Sayeed, quit last week. No official reason was given for Mr. Singh's departure but several newspapers reported he was un-happy with Mr. Gandhi's handling of a scandal over kickbacks on a \$1.3-billion purchase of artillery for the Indian army from Bofors of Sweden. Mr. Singh could not be reached for com-

The Bofors scandal and the unproven charges against Mr. Bachchan have severely jolted Gandhi's government and his Congress (1) Party which has suf-fered a string of defeats this year in state elections.

Mr. Gandhi on Sunday ordered an inquiry into the Swiss holdings of Mr. Bachchan's younger brother Ajitabh.

An official statement said the government investigation would cover all allegations against Ajitabh who lives in Switzerland. The Bachchans have denied the unproven charges in the press and parliament that they illegally channelled money abroad. Indians are severely restricted in holding foreign assets and obtain-

ing foreign currency.

Amitabh said he resigned because of "unspecified events" of the past few months but several leading newspapers reported that Mr. Gandhi ordered his resigna-

Bangladesh was brought to a halt last week by an opposition-backed 72-hour strike, the biggest

since General Ershad restored parliament last November and ended military rule. Western diplomats described the new opposition move as significant because it brought Begum Khaleda Zia and Sheikh Hasina,

the leaders of the two main alliances, under a united platform against Gen. Ershad. Mrs. Khaleda and Mrs. Hasina had been at loggerheads since Mrs. Hasina's Awami League decided to take part in parliamen-

tary elections in May last year-Both have since swapped invective at public rallies and accused each other of seeking a secret entente with Gen. Ershad. But they decided to bury their

Sri Lanka and India discussing new peace proposal to end Tamil

rebellion COLOMBO (R) - Sri Lanka and India are discussing the creation of a single administrative apparatus in the island's north and east to end the Tamil guerrilla rebellion there, newspapers reported Sunday.

The state-owned Sunday Observer said President Junius Javewardene and his cabinet held wide-ranging talks on the proposal with Indian High Commi er (Ambassador) Jyotindra Nath Dixit in the past two weeks.

Official sources said Mr. Dixit left for New Delhi Saturday to brief Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi on the discussions. There was no immediate offi-

cial comment on the press re-Newspapers, quoting unnamed sources, said the plan envisaged

the creation of a provincial council to administer northern and eastern provinces. Tamils, a minority in the island as a whole, predominate in the northern province, while a mixed population of Sinhalese and ramils lives in the east. Guerril-

las are fighting for a separate Tamil state in both provinces. The sources said the new proposal was meant to placate rebel demands for a merger of the northern and eastern areas.

Mr. Jayewardene told a meeting of a government-sponsored union on Saturday that an autonomous council in the two provinces under a unitary system of government was under considera-

Eelam (LTTE), the most power-ful Tamil rebel organisation, has said it was willing to resume peace talks with the government if its basic demand of a merged north and east as a Tamil homeland was accepted, the independent Weekend reported.

The Liberation Tigers of Tamil

It quoted an LTTE spokesman as saying in northern Jaffna city that they were amenable to talks

under Indian supervision. India, acting as mediator, has previously arranged talks between the rebels and the Sri Lankan government but they failed to agree on ending the conflict which traces its origins to the British colonial period in the Indian sub-continent.

Meese testimony in Iran-contra hearings put off for a week

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General Edwin Meese will originally expected, according to til the following week.

Justice Department officials. Mr. Meese's role in the affair has not been clearly defined, despite weeks of testimony by others involved in the secret arms sales to Iran and diversion of profits from those sales to the contra rebels fighting to over-throw Nicaragua's Sandinista

government. Mr. Meese has been portrayed by some in congress as a possible participant in a cover-up who was more interested in protecting President Ronald Reagan than in having a vigorous investigation

The attorney general had been expected to appear before the congressional committees investigating the affair after Rear Admiral John Poindexter, the former National Security adviser,

However, Justice Department testify before congressional com- officials said Saturday that they mittees investigating the Iran-contra affair a week later than appearance has been delayed unappearance has been delayed un-

Committee sources said Secret-

ary of State George Shultz, and

possibly former White House Chief of Staff Donald Regan might testify this coming week. The congressional investigating committees have been delving into Mr. Meese's conduct during the days and months leading up

to his public disclosure of the affair at a dramatic White House news conference Nov. 25. Part of independent counsel Lawrence Walsh's criminal investigation of the affair focuses on

Mr. Meese's activities as well. Mr. Meese has acknowledged delaying one criminal probe involving aid to the contras, has denied slowing down another and says he never engaged in anything that smacks of a cover-up. Adm. Poindexter resumes his

completes his testimony this testimony on Monday. Haitian army expands its role; strikes called off

PORT-AU-PRINCE (R) — The Haitian army created eight new commands on Sunday as part of what well-informed sources say is a thrust to enforce law and order on this troubled Caribbean na-

A source close to the government said the move was apparently aimed at giving the army a stronger hand in controlling unrest in the country, which has been hit for the past four weeks by a series of on-again,

off-again general strikes.

The strikes, designed to pressure the military-dominated National Council of Government (CNG) into resigning, have para-lysed the capital and damaged

businesses in the provinces. Organisers had said Friday the strikes would continue until the CNG resigned in favour of a five-member council named by opposition groups, but the strikes were called off Saturday without

explanation. Strike leaders said they would announce other measures to pressure he CNG to resign, including demonstrations. They gave no further details.

The strikes had closed public transport, most shops, some government offices, banks and most petrol stations and were sometimes accompanied by violence. Earlier this week, witnesses

said strikers smashed or burned

at least 48 vehicles, including the West German ambassador's car, which was stoned and fired on, Saturday's lengthy decree announcing the creation of the new army commands said the new posts would be held by generals yet to be named from among officers now holding the

rank of colonei. Each would be responsible for military affairs in a geographic region of Haiti or a military in-

stitution, the decree said. Haiti now has only two generals, Lieutenant-General Henri Namphy, who is president of the CNG, and Brigadier-General Williams Regala, a CNG

Up to 35 guards protecting North

WASHINGTON (AP) — The navy guard on Lieutenant-Colonel Oliver North's home in Great Falls, Virginia, has been nearly doubled since his appearance before the Iran-contra committees, according to a marinecorps letter. Peter M. Murphy. counsel for the corps comman dant, said the normal coverage is 15 to 20 agents, but it was increased to 35 last week when North began testifying before the congressional committees. Senator Warren Rudman released Murphy's July 9 letter, which was in answer to committee questions about North's security. North. 2 former National Security Council aide, testified the government took no action on his April 1986 request for protection at his home after he allegedly was threatened by Abu Nidal. North then had a private security system installed at his home. He admitted to the committees he didn't pay for it and that he tried to cover up that

Man charged for attack on drawing

fact with phony documents.

LONDON (R) — An unemployed man was charged Saturday night with causing criminal damage to a charcoal drawing by Leonardo da Vinci in a shotgun attack in London's National Gallery. Police said Robert Anthony Cambridge, 37 would appear in court on Monday, accused of firing at the cartoon, a priceless. work of art and the gallery's most popular exhibit.

Chinese battle pests at emperor's tomb

PEKING (R) - Thousands of people are battling caterpillars that are destroying trees at the tomb of the legendary father of China, the People's Daily overseas edition said Sunday. It said 14,000 people had since mid-June been seizing caterpillars that had caused the withering of nearly 400 ancient cypresses at the tomb of the Yellow Emperor in Xian. The tomb site in the central province of Shaanxi has more than 80,000 cypresses, planted since the emperor lived more than 3.000 years ago. The pest plague has not yet been fully controlled,

the newspaper said. No claimant for \$3.98

million

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) -Somebody apparently just tossed away \$3.98 million dollars. Time ran out for the unknown, and likely unknowing, winner of a California lottery ticket purchased in San Francisco's Chinatown for the Jan. 17 drawing. The winner had six months to claim the jackpot, and the deadline was midnight Thursday. There was only one chance that the winner could collect the loot - if he or she mailed in the ticket and the envelope was postmaked before the deadline. The winning numbers were 13-20-21-28-35-36. The presumed forfeiture ended speculation of a last-minute filing for the prize by a bashful winner. At least some of the millions will be turned over to the lottery's education fund, which benefits

'Weeping' Madonna's 'tears' dry up

CHICAGO (AP) — The Virgin Mary's "tears" have dried, but the legacy of the "weeping" icon has unleashed a flood of giving to the city's poor, a priest says. The Rev. Philip Kufos said that moisture stopped appearing near the eyes of the painting on June 4, but was still appearing between the Madonna's fingers. The "tears" were first seen early in December on the feast of the church's patron, St. Nicholas. The phenomenon, which has yet to be explained, drew visitors to the St. Nicholas Albanian Orthodox Church from as far away as the Soviet Union. About 400 people a day continue to visit the northwest side church. Kufos said the "tears" have left behind a tangible gift for the city's poor contributions from worshippers totalling enough money to produce "thousands and thousands in interest every year." The church has never solicited the donations, Kufos said. "The more you don't ask, the more people give," he said. "So much has been given by the poor that it should go back to the poor."